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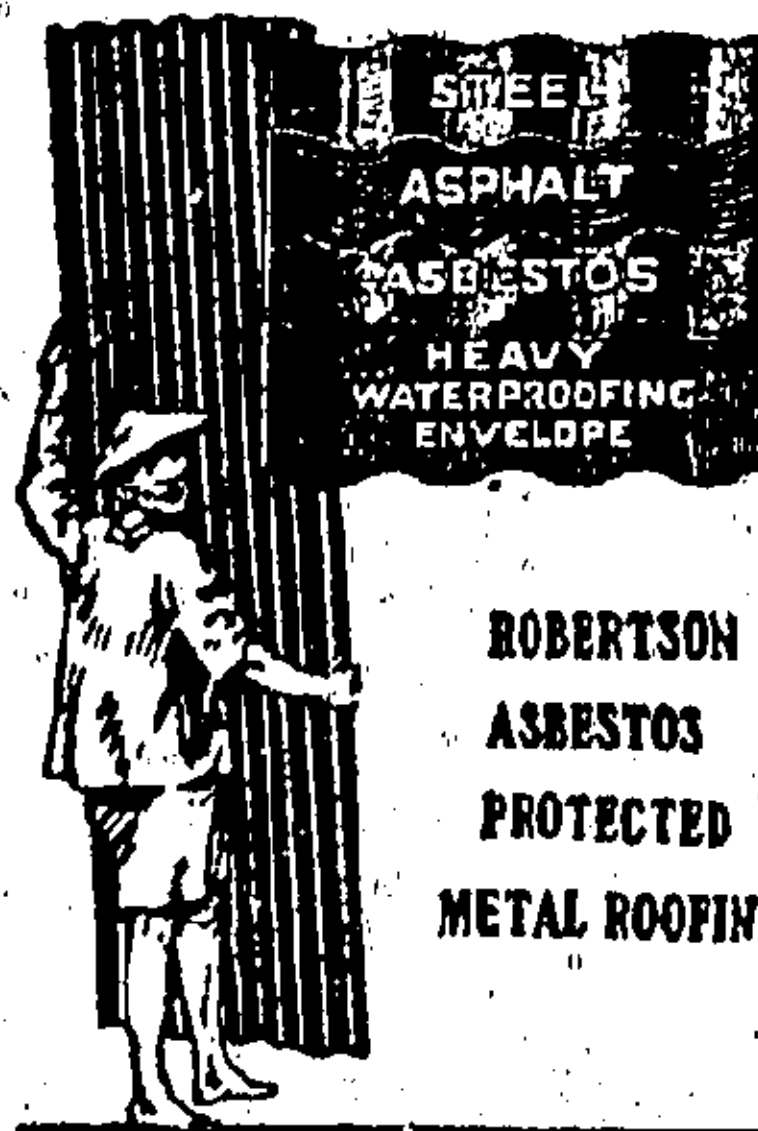
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TWO LOCAL YULETIDE
BRIDES.

HEWITT-PATERSON.

The wedding was celebrated at the Peak Church on Thursday, December 24, of Mr. Harold Walter Hewitt (son of the late Mr. H. C. Hewitt of North Shields, Northumberland, and the late Mrs. D. Urquhart) and Miss Evelyn Lennox Paterson (daughter of Captain and the late Mrs. Paterson, of Ilford, Essex). The Rev. T. B. Powell, M.A., officiated.

The function was of a very quiet nature, only relatives and a few intimate friends being present.

With a bouquet of pink roses and orange blossoms, the bride was dressed in a charming gown of silver-grey French silk with hat and shoes to match. She was given away by Mr. James Smith. Mr. A. Urquhart was the "best man."

Leaving the church the party proceeded to No. 12, Conduit Road (residence of Mr. J. Smith) where the reception was held. The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay. The bride's travelling dress was of beige crepe-de-chine, trimmed with fur, and she wore a nigger-brown georgette hat.

AT CATHEDRAL TO-DAY.

PRESTON—JAN SEE CHIN.

This afternoon St. John's Cathedral was the scene of a pretty wedding.

The contracting parties were Mr. Shi-pun Preston (second son of Mr. and Mrs. Wong Yuen-hing of 74, Peel Street) and Miss Phyllis Grace Jan See Chin (eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jan See Chin of Hau Tau, Heungshan, and formerly of Cairns, North Queensland, Australia).

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. D. Stewart, M.A., assisted by the Cathedral Chaplain, the Rev. T. B. Powell, M.A., Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., was at the organ.

The bride's dress was of white brocade charmeuse, trimmed with white tulle. She wore an embroidered tulle veil and her shoes were of silver-brocade. Her bouquet was of white roses set off with maiden hair fern and matched with white ribbon.

Miss Norma (sister of the bride) acted as bridesmaid. She was dressed in blue crepe-de-chine with silver lace trimming and hat to match. Her bouquet was of pink and white roses, set off with maiden hair fern and matched with pink ribbon.

The Misses Irene and Dorothy (also sisters of the bride) were flower-girls. They were both attired in pale pink satin with hats to match.

The bride's mother wore a dress of navy crepe-de-chine, trimmed with silver vieux rose, and hat to match.

Mr. Jan See Chin gave his daughter away and Mr. Tao Tsun-on acted as "best man."

After the wedding service a reception was held at the King Edward Hotel.

The honeymoon is being spent at the Shatin Gap Bungalow. The bride's travelling dress was of navy serge with oriental embroidery, with hat to match.

EVADING DUTY.

CHINESE SEAMAN
FINED.

A Chinese seaman pleaded guilty at the Central Magistracy this morning to a charge of unlawful possession of dutiable liquor.

The charge was in respect of two bottles of Martell's brandy which the defendant brought ashore when he landed from a sampan at the Praya near the Western Market yesterday afternoon. On being accosted by a revenue officer, defendant dropped the package on the road, one of the bottles being broken.

A fine of \$10 was imposed and order was made for the liquor to be confiscated.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand was 2/4 9/16.

PEACE HOPES.

A NEW TURN IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS.

ISSUES SIMPLIFIED.

Friendly discussions have taken place in the last few days with the result that the terms of settlement of the Hongkong-Canton situation have been greatly simplified. A delegation of Hongkong Chinese merchants will shortly join with the Canton Chinese merchants in negotiations with the Strike Committee for the cessation of the boycott.

ALLEGED THEFT.

CASE AGAINST RUSSIAN
WOMEN.

A SALESMAN'S EVIDENCE.

Evidence was taken at the Central Magistracy this morning in the case against two Russian women who are charged with alleged theft of four rolls of satin, valued at \$475, from the Wing On Company.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defence.

A salesman giving evidence stated that he suspected some rolls of cloth were missing from a show case during a visit paid by the defendants on Tuesday afternoon. Seeing one of the defendants holding her overcoat tightly when walking away from the counter, witness followed them.

One of the defendants then drew a roll of satin from under her overcoat and laid it on the table. Following the other defendant to the verandah, witness said that three other rolls were seen to be protruding from under the coat.

Cross-examined by Mr. Russ, witness denied the suggestion that the defendants took the cloth near a window to examine it. He also denied that he lost his temper and quarrelled with them. (Case proceeding.)

MERITED PROMOTION.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. MR.
FLETCHER.

COLONIAL SECRETARY OF CEYLON.

News of the appointment of the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Acting Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, as Colonial Secretary of Ceylon has been received by his many friends with genuine pleasure and the Colony of Hongkong joins in its appreciation of a well merited promotion. The Hon. Mr. Fletcher well deserves the honour, being a most conscientious and able officer to whose energy and judgment successive Governors have paid tribute.

In addition to his official duties in the Colony, which extend over nearly a quarter of a century, Mr. Fletcher has specialised in a question of great concern to Crown Colonies like Hongkong, which derive a large part of their revenue from the licensed traffic—that of opium suppression. He was Hongkong's representative on the League of Nations Opium Commission at Geneva and his able speeches there demonstrated the insight he had into all aspects of the problem.

A well merited honour was conferred on Mr. Fletcher in June, 1922, when the King was pleased to approve his appointment as Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. Mr. Fletcher had three years previously appeared in the Honours List when he was created a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Mr. Fletcher first came to the Colony in 1902 during which year he acted as British Consul at Macao, whilst in the following year he was seconded for famine relief work in Kwangsi. In addition to numerous Government posts he was Secretary to the Military Service Commission, Chairman of the Vital Requirements and Shipping Control Committee and Clerk to the General Military Service Commission.

Mr. Fletcher, in his new post will succeed H. M. the Governor of Hongkong (the Hon. Mr. Cecil Clementi, C.M.G.) who came from Ceylon where he had been for some years Colonial Secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, who are now in Hongkong, will be staying at the Victoria Hotel.

BURGLARY AVERTED.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS
AT POWELL'S.

XMAS MORNING ARREST.

The alertness of two Chinese detectives early on Xmas morning led to the prevention of what might have been an extensive robbery at the premises of Wm. Powell, Ltd.

Recent robberies (generally on Saturday nights or at holiday times when the robbers have had time to make extensive preparations) led the police to have extra patrols on the look out this holiday week-end. Two of the detectives (Insp. Chu Heung and P.C. Lu Muk) on the Des Voeux Road patrol made an examination of the private alley way between the Bank of East Asia and the buildings of Powell's.

Flashing their torches (this was at 3 a.m.) they saw a man sitting in a ricksha pretending to sleep. Whilst talking to him they again flashed their torches up the alley way and saw a shadow moving. Taking the man already under arrest with them, the detectives walked to the blind end and found a man lying on the flag stones, also feigning to sleep. By his side was a basket to all outward appearances containing paper. When this was searched it was found to contain a pair of pliers, an electric torch and some strong twine.

When searched, the second man was found to have a knife in his possession. Neither had a cent on them.

Charged at the Central Magistracy, the second man said he was ill and was sleeping. The Magistrate remarked that he chose a peculiar place for a sick man to lie down. Prisoner was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for loitering with intent to commit a felony and four months for being in possession of house breaking implements.

The man first arrested, who the police stated was undoubtedly keeping guard whilst the other should attempt to effect entry, was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Sub-Ins. Fallon was in charge of the police case.

A "LOUD VOICE."

WOMAN WITNESS WHO WAS
"CONFUSED."

THE MURDER TRIAL.

A Chinese woman who enticed a man from Chinese into British territory where he was arrested for murder was cross-examined this morning by prisoner's counsel.

She denied that the man had come to her on the pretext of signing property deeds. He told her that he had violated Hongkong's laws and was afraid of being arrested.

Witness also denied the suggestion of Mr. Elsie Zeitlyn (instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, for the prisoner) that the prisoner had been badly beaten and kicked in the course of the struggle which took place just inside the British border to which she had brought prisoner.

Witness contradicted herself on certain points and when confronted with former statements said that she was confused by "counsel's loud voice." She was not used to being shouted at; she stated.

Cross-examination of this witness having finished, that of other police witnesses was given in chief. When the Crown case closes, there will be seven witnesses for the defence and the case will not conclude, it is thought, until Wednesday or Thursday.

[Prisoner is charged with the murder of an Indian constable whilst under arrest for wood stealing.]

THE ATHERLEY CASE.

Charges of fraudulent conversion of money, the property of Gutz Broe (of the Orient) Ltd. brought against Mr. James Edward Atherton will be again heard Monday at the Criminal Sessions. Atherton was arrested at the Supreme Court at 10.30 a.m.

GOLFERS ROBBED.

VALUABLES TAKEN AT
FANLING CLUB HOUSE.

NIGHT LARCENIES.

Some of the week-end residents at Fanling Golf Club House lost valuable property on Saturday night, and efforts to trace the thief or thieves have so far failed.

The articles must have been taken some time between 11.30 p.m. and 7 a.m., the times during which they were out of their owners' observation. Their total value is \$375.

One golfer lost a gold open face watch valued at \$200, also a gold chain (value \$30).

Another found his watch gone in the morning, this bearing his monogram and being valued at \$80.

A pocket book containing \$50 was another loss. A safety razor was also stolen.

BOXING DAY REVELS.

SUCCESSFUL GRILL
ROOM CARNIVAL.

NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS.

The Grill Room at the Hongkong Hotel, beautifully decorated for the occasion, was the scene of much gaiety on Boxing Day evening when the Carnival arranged by the management was held. It was attended by four hundred and fifty revellers who, thanks to the excellence of the arrangements, for their comfort and to the carnival spirit manifest in each and all, were able to bring the day to a happy and fitting conclusion.

The diffused rays from the hanging lamps, played upon the fancy costumed throng and an excellent band discoursed music. Squeakers and streamers were everywhere in evidence and an excellent band discoursed music. It was a tired but happy gathering which broke up at 1 a.m., many members with the avowed intention of renewing acquaintance on the occasion of the New Year's Carnival to be held at the Repulse Bay Hotel next Thursday evening when fancy or evening dress will again be optional. Special arrangements for conveyance to the Peak and the City are to be made.

An overflow dance is arranged to take place at the Hotel Grill Room.

ARMS CHARGE.

REVOLVER FOR HIS OWN
PROTECTION.

Defending an elderly Chinese passenger by the s.s. "President Jefferson" who was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with unlawfully having in his possession a portion of a revolver, Mr. J. T. Prior said that the defendant while in America had heard of the armed robberies committed in China and brought the weapon with him for his own protection.

A fine of \$250 was imposed.

MOTOR SMASH.

YESTERDAY'S ACCIDENT
AT KOWLOON.

A bus belonging to the China Motor Bus Company with passengers on board was proceeding along Laichikok Road yesterday afternoon when it collided with a Chinese-owned car which came out from Shanghai Street.

Both the vehicles were damaged, the motor car which was hit on the rear getting the worst of it. The passengers were not injured.

SUNDAY CINEMAS.

YESTERDAY'S INNOVATION
PLEASES.

The week-day hours of opening for Sunday at the Queen's Grand Theatre and the 2.30 and 7.15 performances were very well attended.

Appreciation of the innovation has been expressed and the management have applied at the Colonial Secretary for permission to open at those hours always on Sunday.

A HUNGRY THIEF.

QUEER KOWLOON
"MOTORIST."

CYCLE PAWNED FOR FOOD.

Stealing a motor cycle belonging to Mr. P. Vickers while he was on a visit at a friend's house at Cameron Road, Kowloon, on Xmas Day, a Chinese left the machine by way of security for a meal he had taken at a restaurant. No sooner had the machine been restored to its owner by the efforts of the Police than it was spirited away again the following morning from outside Cambay Buildings. Trying the same dodge at another restaurant, the thief was caught.

These facts were given in evidence when the man was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on four charges of theft and obtaining meals with intent to defraud.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty to the latter charges, was sentenced to four months' hard labour altogether.

RED UNIONS.

WORLD CONGRESS TO BE
CONVENED.

NATIONAL LABOUR DECISIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.

The Congress of the National Labour Secretariat presided over by the Dutch Communist, Mr. Sneevliet, and attended by representatives of the British Minority Party, also by the Soviet, adopted a resolution by 118 votes to 4, instructing the Executive to give effect to the resolution adopted by the referendum of 1923 to join the Red Trade Unions International. It also adopted a resolution by 118 votes to 3, in favour of the Red Trade Unions International issuing invitations to the World Congress of Red Trade Unions International, and to the International Federation of Trade Unions and organisations not belonging to both international.

ADMIRAL'S DEATH.

WAR NAVAL TRANSPORT
SERVICES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 27.

The death has occurred of Surgeon-Admiral John Cassillis Birkenhead Maclean, who was responsible for the naval transport services in war time.

[A son of the Rev. A. Maclean, D.D., Surgeon-Admiral Maclean was educated at Aberdeen University and entered the Navy in 1872, from which he retired in 1907. He was present at the bombardment of Alexandria and in the Egyptian Campaign, 1882, when he was specially promoted. He was born on August 28, 1849.]

CHICHERIN BACK.

CONCLUDES TOUR OF
EUROPE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, December 27.

M. Chicherin, Minister for Foreign Affairs, has arrived here on the completion of his tour of the European Capitals.

REPARATIONS.

AMERICAN DELEGATE AT
CHERBOURG.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cherbourg, December 27. Professor Edwin Kemmerer, the American delegate on the Reparation Commission, has arrived here.

EARTHQUAKE.

SEVERE SHOCK FELT AT
TERNI.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, December 27.

It is reported from Terni that a sharp hill severe earthquake was felt here this evening. The damage was done.

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Authorized Capital \$80,000,000.00
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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

LIFE ASSURANCE.

Some Colossal Facts.

Since the year 1763, when the
Equitable Life Assurance Society
of London was established (or,
more correctly, since a few years
prior to that date, when the idea
of founding the society was first
conceived), a great array
of brilliant mathematicians
have concentrated their at-
tention on the science of Life
Assurance. The Old Equitable
(as it is universally called) was
the first Life company to adopt
the principle of level premiums;
its calculations were based on
what scant mortality statistics
were available at that time, and
it established, the principles of
getting up reserves against its
future liabilities. Those prin-
ciples endure to this day, and
form the foundation upon which
the vast fabric of modern Life
Assurance securely rests.

The effort of the mathemati-
cians (or actuaries, as they had
come to be called) during the
greater part of the nineteenth
century was largely directed
towards establishing reliable
mortality statistics, in order that
the principles they had accepted
should be applied to figures which
correctly reflected actual mortality
experience. A succession of
efforts, patiently pursued over
many years, and entailing the
actual observation of millions of
lives, stand, and will stand, as a
monument of painstaking en-
deavour. Generations of actuaries
contributed to these undertak-
ings; the successful issue of their
work placed the Life Assurance
business under a debt of gratitude
that never can be repaid.

While this stood as the principal
work of the actuaries of last cen-
tury, it was by no means their
only work. Many other fields
were explored in the evident de-
sire to devise policies which could
be regarded as absolutely safe
from the point of view of the
assuring company. If this con-
ception had its corollary in an
abundance of restrictions and
limitations, the effort at least ac-
tually as a much-needed corrective to
the gross speculation which had
besmirched the early practice of
assuring lives. The lawyers were
requisitioned to make contracts
law-proof; the aid of the doctors
was invoked to guard the door of
admission. That door was not
opened very wide, and was re-
morselessly slammed on the ap-
plicant whose personal or family
record—to the second or third
generation—revealed any un-
favourable features.

While this concentration of
professional thought and effort
produced a restricted and effor-
sympathetic contract, it at least
produced one which was safe,
reliable and secure, and which
commanded and compelled public
confidence. And as confidence is
an essential preliminary to a sale,
something had been achieved for
the salesman, even though he
might have had some ground for
complaint in the arbitrary con-
ditions embodied in the policies he
had to sell.

Before the dawn of the present
century, a new conception was
sweeping through the Life Assur-
ance business. The change came
with the realization that generous
consideration to the policy holder
was not necessary incompatible
with proper protection to assuring
companies. "What can we, con-
sistently with safety, do for the
public?" "How can we make
Life Assurance, within the limits
of good practice, serve the public
more effectively?"—these were
new and burning questions, to
which the actuaries resolved to at-
tempt an answer. They already
have largely answered them; they
are answering them every day.

Seventy-five per cent. more
Life Assurance was written in
the United States and Canada
during the year 1924 than the
total business in force at the end
of the last century. New busi-
ness is being written in the United
States at the rate of over a billion
a month, and in Canada at more
than two millions a day. These
are colossal facts. Sometimes,
through another medium, we may
trace some of the reasons for this
great development. We simply
wish here to acknowledge what
the actuaries have contributed to

under the rules of twenty-
five years ago. Thirty
per cent. of to-day's "busi-
ness" is enormously more than
the whole of the business being
written at that time. The Life
Assurance scientists have opened
the door to new possibilities,
immense in their significance to
public and salesman alike.

To mention but a few items:
we have a tremendously increased
range of plans; great increases in
the limits of risk; the acceptance,
under ratings, of impaired lives;
assurance without medical
examination; monthly payment
plans by deduction from salary;
group assurance; total disability
insurance; double indemnity pro-
visions; pension and annuity
plans, and improvements in the
conditions of acceptance of busi-
ness risks. And side by side with
this impressive record of practical
accomplishment we have the re-
moval of the fretting restrictions
of the old days, and the substitu-
tion of privileges which can be
adapted to the needs and con-
venience of any assurer, what-
ever his circumstances.

The fieldman who affects to
regard the actuary as an academic
gentleman of harsh and uncom-
promising temperament might
well pause to reflect upon this
magnificent work. No Life Assur-
ance salesman in the world would
wish to sell policies under the old
conditions, and his appreciation
of the wider opportunity he enjoys
to-day should take the form of
gratitude to the members of the
Actuarial profession, at whose
hands he has received it.

INDUSTRIAL REFORM.

An Indispensable Business

Book.

This is one of the indispensable
books for all who are interested
in industrial policy, which is per-
haps the most vital of all politi-
cal issues to-day. Originally
published soon after the war,
when it gave a lead that might
with advantage have been follow-
ed in these years of reconstruction,
it has now been re-issued in a
revised form. No serious
student of modern politics can
afford to be without it. It is a
most happy blend of theory and
practice; for, after laying down
the principles of sound organiza-
tion, Mr. Rowntree proceeds to
show in detail how they have been
applied in his own works, and
what the results have been. He
defines five essential conditions of
a healthy industrial system: the
worker must have (1) sufficient
wages to maintain a reasonable
standard of comfort; (2) reason-
able hours of work and good
working conditions; (3) reason-
able economic security through-
out his working life and in old
age; (4) a status (and a share of
control) suitable to men in a free
country in the twentieth century;
(5) a share in the financial pros-
perity of the concern in which he
is engaged. Mr. Rowntree
describes in precise detail how
these principles have been carried
out in Rowntree's Cocoa Works,
and with what admirable results
not only for the workers but for
the concern.

Mr. Rowntree scarcely grapples
with the problem of wages, or
faces the proved impossibility of
paying a universal living wage
sufficient for a normal family out-
of the available income of the
community. Nor does he give any
definite judgment on the question
of industrial councils: "any
definite conclusion," he says,
"must be the result of further
experiment." But he is whole-
hearted in his enthusiasm for
works councils, of which there are
fourteen in the Cocoa Works.
And he is now, after some hesita-
tion, a definite and convinced
advocate of profit-sharing, on
which (p. 188) he lays down very
sound principles. The scheme his
firm has adopted should be care-
fully studied. Much is to be
learned, also, from his description
of the methods adopted to give
economic security, additional to
that provided by the State insur-
ance schemes. But this most dis-
tinctive and original part of his
book (occupying almost half of
the volume) is his description of
the remarkable work that has
been done in providing ideal
conditions of work—the avoidance
of fatigue, the advantage of short
hours, the lighting, air, and
decoration of the workrooms, the
canteen, the admirable medical
service, the adjustment of work
to ability, the use of psychological
tests, the facilities for education
and recreation. All this is beyond
praise, and it would be a good
thing for the country at this time
to see the results of this

all politicians but still more by all
businessmen.
Ramsay Muir.
"The Human Factor in Busi-
ness." By E. Seebohm
Rowntree. Longmans, 2s. 6d.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1925.
On London:—
Bank, Wire 24-1
On demand 24-1 9/16
30 days sight 34-1
4 months sight 34-1
Credits, 4 months sight 34-1
Documentary, 4 months sight 34-1
On Paris:—
On demand 1670
Credits, 4 months sight 1680
On Berlin:—
On demand nom.
On New York:—
On demand 87 1/2
Credits, 60 days sight 89 1/2
On Bombay:—
Wire 154 1/2
On Calcutta:—
Wire 154 1/2
On Singapore:—
On demand 101 1/2
On Manila:—
On demand 114 1/2
On Shanghai:—
On demand nom.
30 days sight (private paper) 128 1/2
On Yokohama:—
On demand 128 1/2
Selling (Bank's buying rate) 31 1/2
Silver (per oz.) 31 1/2
Bar Silver in Hongkong 5 1/2 p.m.
Chinese Copper Cash 10 p.m.
Chinese Copper Cent 8 p.m.
Rate of Native Interest nom.
Chinese Sub. Coin 7 1/2 p.m.
Hongkong Sub. Coin per

HONGKONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

		1925.	1918.	1914.
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾肥	lb. 30	24	12
" Prime Cut	牛尾瘦	lb. 30	23	12
" Corned	咸牛肉	lb. 30	23	12
" Roast	煮牛肉	lb. 30	24	23
" Breast	牛腩	lb. 24	20	13
" Soup	牛腩	lb. 22	20	13
" Steak	牛肉排	lb. 30	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	牛腩	lb. 45	30	35
" Sausages	牛腩	lb. 40	28	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set 15	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛舌	each 50	50	50
" Tongue, corned	牛舌	each 60	—	—
" Head	牛頭	lb. \$1.50	—	\$1.20
" Heart	牛心	lb. 24	13	14
" Hump, Salt	牛心	lb. 20	18	—
" Feet	牛腳	each 9	10	12
" Kidneys	牛腰	lb. 15	10	12
" Tail	牛尾	lb. 30	20	22
" Liver	牛肝	lb. 24	18	14
" Tripe	牛肚	lb. 12	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭腳	set \$1.20	\$1.00	\$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb. 55	26	—
" Leg	羊腿	lb. 55	26	—
" Shoulder	羊肩	lb. 53	24	—
" Saddle	羊鞍	lb. 55	—	—
Pigs' Chittlings	豬腸	lb. 40	—	27
" Brains	豬腦	Per set 15	—	12
" Feet	豬腳	lb. 22	15	—
" Fry	豬頭	lb. 40	15	18
" Head	豬頭	lb. 24	20	—
" Heart	豬心	each 14	10	10
" Kidneys	豬腰	lb. 12	10	8
" Liver	豬肝	lb. 52	30	24
" Pork Chop	豬排	lb. 42	25	23
" Leg	豬腿	lb. 45	—	—
" Loin	豬腰	lb. 48	28	27
" Fat or Lard	豬油	lb. 30	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭腳	per set 90	60	70
" Heart	羊心	each 15	8	7
" Kidneys	羊腰	lb. 15	12	10
" Liver	羊肝	lb. 55	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬	lb. 25	25	22
Suet, Beef	牛油	lb. 30	20	18
" Mutton	牛油	lb. 55	28	24
Veal	牛仔肉	lb. 38	20	19
" Sausages	牛仔肉	lb. 40	20	20
" No. 1.		lb. 32	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鰱魚	lb.	23	10	24
Bream	鯉魚	"	20	13	
Canton Fresh Water Fish	塘魚(省城) 水魚	"	18	16	
Carp	草魚	"	16	27	
Catfish	鰱魚	"	12	9	
Codfish	鱈魚	"	80	25	
Crabs	蟹	"	22	16	
Cuttle Fish	魷魚	"	22	16	
Dab	魚	"	65	28	
Dace	黃鰱	"	20	10	
Dog Fish	魚肚	"	10	10	
Eels, Conger	蛇	"	32	16	
" Fresh Water	水	"	10	18	
Fishes, Yellow	黃魚	"	70	26	
Garoupa	黃田石斑	"	70	42	
Gudgeon	鰕魚	"	24	18	
Herrings	鱈魚	"	30	22	
Halibut	鱈魚	"	28	18	
Labrus	魚	"	36	22	
Loach	魚	"	55	22	
Lobsters	龍蝦	"	55	22	
Mackerel	魚	"	28	20	
Monk Fish	魚	"	36	22	
Mullet	魚	"	32	18	
Oysters	魚	"	20	16	
Parrot Fish	魚	"	24	14	
Perch	魚	"	35	20	
Pike	魚	"	20	16	
Plaice	魚	"	72	28	
Pomfret, Black	魚	"	40	26	
Pomfret, White	魚	"	45	36	
Prawns	魚	"	70	36	
Ray	魚	"	18	10	
Rock Fish	魚	"	35	18	
Rock	魚	"	35	22	
Salmón	魚	"	70	36	
Shark	魚	"	10	5	

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

CLUB BEAT ARMY BY 7 WICKETS.

GAME FLUCTUATES.

Had the last wicket not produced 71 runs in the H.K.C.C. first innings (which closed on Saturday morning) in the two-day cricket match on the Club ground, a different tale might have been told. As it was, the Club won by 7 wickets.

Bright patches in the Army's second innings gave them a total of only 214. It was late in the day when the arrears had been knocked off and the Club lost three wickets in getting the runs.

Saturday's Play.

Continuing play at 10.30 in the morning, Hayward was taken by the first ball he faced from Goodyer, one run having been added to the total by his partner.

Hancock partnered Pearce and between them added 69 runs to the total before the latter was dismissed by Smith after he had contributed 45.

The next three batsmen failed to make an impression. With the total at 190 Reed came in last man and another good partnership resulted between him and Hancock until the latter was out to a catch by Edmeades after making 29. The partnership produced 71 runs. Hancock carried his bat for 65 after a brilliant innings in which he gave no chances. The total was 261.

In their second innings with 179 runs to the bad, the Army men started well, losing their first wicket at 43. Another wicket dropped with the addition of two runs, and when Armstrong was dismissed the total had reached 90. Morris who had come in shortly before this continued to give a good account of himself until he was out to a good catch by Bowker at point, his score of 66 being the highest individual score in the match and including 11 fours in an innings which was pretty to watch. A good partnership ensued between Smith and Pollard, the latter often driving Bowker to the boundary, the total realising 214 runs. The best catch in the match was brought off by Mitchell when he dismissed Robertson after a run down the field. It was a difficult one and his feat received applause.

The Club made the necessary 35 runs in 22 minutes, with a quarter of an hour time still in hand, losing three wickets in the attempt.

Pollard bowled well for the Army throughout the match, his last two wickets being secured for 8 runs.

Bowker proved expensive in the second innings (3 for 62). Reed kept up his form and captured the remaining wickets (5 for 69). Full results are as under:—

Army—1st Innings.

Capt. Armstrong, b Bowker	61
C.M.S. Stripp, not out	9
Capt. Morris, c Stewart, b Bowker	0
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Major Pollard, b Bowker	0
Lt. Smith, c Pearce, b Bowker	0
Lt. Chidson, c Stewart, b Bowker	0
Lt. Col. Edmeades, b Bowker	0
Spr. Goodyer, c b Lammer	3
Lt. Col. T. A. Robertson, c Owen Hughes, b Bowker	1
Capt. Allfree, b Bowker	0
Extras	8

Total

Bowling Analysis.

Reed	13	7	20	0
Stewart	1	0	2	0
Bowker	14	1	35	9
Lammer	3	0	17	1

H.K.C.C.—1st Innings.

A. W. Hayward, b Goodyer	65
G. R. Sayer, b Goodyer	5
E. J. R. Mitchell, c and b Morris	11
E. F. Stewart, l.b.w., b Goodyer	4
H. Owen Hughes, b Pollard	9
T. E. Pearce, b Smith	46
R. Hancock, not out	29
F. J. de Rome, b Goodyer	1
A. C. I. Bowker, b Smith	0
E. G. Lammer, b Goodyer	0
E. B. Reed, c Edmeades, b Pollard	29
Extras	20

Total

Bowling Analysis.

Goodyer	25	2	110	5
Lt. Smith	12	0	53	2
Morris	8	0	40	1
Pollard	13	1	35	2

Army—2nd Innings.

C.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes, b Bowker	20
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Bowker	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	66
Capt. Allfree, run out	9
Major Pollard, run out	1

Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	33
Spr. Goodyer, l.b.w., b Reed	28
Lt. Col. Edmeades, not out	21
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b Reed	0
Lt. Chidson, b Reed	4
Extras	27

Total

Bowling Analysis.

Bowker	18	5	62	3
Reed	25	2	69	5
Lammer	6	1	18	0
Sayer	8	0	23	0
Owen Hughes	6	1	15	0

H.K.C.C.—2nd Innings.

E. J. R. Mitchell, c Edmeades, b Pollard	1
H. Owen Hughes, b Pollard	9
E. F. Stewart, b Goodyer	14
G. R. Sayer, not out	9
A. W. Hayward, not out	6

Total (for 3 wks.)

Bowling Analysis.

Goodyer	33	0	31	1
Pollard	8	0	3	2

C.C.C. CLUB MATCH.

Playing at home in what has now become an annual fixture, the Craignower married men lost to the bachelors by 17 runs. Batting in his usual dashing style, Fincher contributed 67 runs in a total of 153, his score including 11 fours. He also took 4 wickets for 35 runs, with Hamson taking the rest (7 for 49).

For the married men, Abbas was unfortunate in missing his century by one run after a display which delighted the spectators. He hit 15 fours by driving all round the wickets. With the failure of the other men of his side, the total fell short by 17 runs. Bradbury came off best in bowling (3 for 19), followed by Fletcher (4 for 30).

Single.

E. Fincher, c Hyder, b Bradbury	67
M. Pinna, c Grimes, b Jacobs	6
H. M. Xavier, hit wicket, b Jacobs	7
F. Schnepel, c b Bradbury	4
A. B. Hamson, c Abbas, b Bradbury	13
A. P. Lim, hit wicket, b Fletcher	9
F. Zimmer, c Jacobs, b Fletcher	21
H. Westlake, b Fletcher	1
D. Clow, run out	5
F. K. Modi, c Young, b Fletcher	2
W. B. Muskett, not out	0
P. A. Dixon, b Jacobs	5
Extras	13

Total

Bowling Analysis.

Guest	8	1	39	0
Jacobs	13	2	52	3
Bradbury	7	0	19	3
Fletcher	6	0	30	4

Married.

Y. Abbas, l.b.w., b Fincher	99
G. Hyder, c Modi, b Hamson	7
B. W. Bradbury, c Modi, b Hamson	5
T. Grimes, c Pinna, b Hamson	11
W. Guest, c and b Hamson	1
J. C. Fletcher, b Hamson	0
V. Jacob, b Hamson	0
T. Young, l.b.w., b Hamson	0
E. McLeod, b Fincher	0
G. McLeod, not out	0
A. E. Phillips, c Clow, b Fincher	0
E. el Arculli, c Pinna, b Fincher	0
Extras	11

Total

Bowling Analysis.

Fincher	9	4	35	4
Dixon	2	0	15	0
Hamson	12	0	49	7
Westlake	3	1	12	0
Pinna	2	0	14	0

H.K. ELECTRIC CO. MATCH.

A match played on the Indian Recreation Club ground between the European Staff and the Local Staff of the Hongkong Electric Company ended in a win for the latter by 31 runs.

S. J. Stainsby, c b Ismail	0
C. E. Gagan, c b Wahab	0
A. F. Paul, c b Wahab	1
F. P. Duckworth, st. A. K. Minu, b Wahab	0
J. R. Way, b Mohamed	36
J. C. Dunbar, run out	11
J. C. Thompson, not out	12
J. Clark, c Hamson, b Mohamed	0
G. T. Padgett, b Wahab	18
D. G. Weston, c b Wahab	0
F. Normington, c A. R. Minu, b Ismail	5
Extras	14

Total

Bowling Analysis.

Ismail	8	2	24	3
Wahab	7	3	21	2
D. Mohamed	3	0	21	2
Hamson	1	0	12	0
Local Staff				
I. Hassan, lb.w., b Normington				29
D. Mohamed, b Normington				8
A. K. Minu, c Stainsby				

CHILDREN'S DAY.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. FUNCTION.

TENNIS AND BOWLS PRIZES.

The spirit of Christmas was very much in evidence at the Civil Service Club when another successful Children's Day—an annual event—was held on Saturday afternoon with the ground suitably decorated with the usual Xmas Tree. Seats were provided for parents and friends to watch the doings of the children.

The success of the afternoon was due to the painstaking efforts of Messrs. R. S. Vergette (Secretary), B. E. Maughan (Treasurer), R. R. Wood, H. E. Strange, J. Deakin, W. H. Edmonds and W. Longbottom (Committee) assisted by the ladies.

Among others who rendered valuable assistance on the ground itself and contributed to the enjoyment of the afternoon were the Bert Burroughs Concert Party; Mr. Aslett with his conjuring; Mr. Jones with his monologues; Mr. Murphy as a coster; and the Barneycot's Band which rendered pleasing selections.

A novel event in the programme was the treasure hunt in which the prizes were hidden in a patch of ground and the little competitors were required to place flags, those coming nearest being awarded the prizes.

At the conclusion of the sports, the prizes won by the members of the Club in tennis and bowls during the season were also presented.

In a few words of welcome, Mr. Brown introduced Mrs. J. R. Wood who made the presentations. Mrs. Wood was the recipient of a bouquet in a silver holder.

Mr. Justice Wood returned thanks for the honour paid to his wife in asking her to distribute the prizes. He congratulated the Club on the success of their efforts this year and paid a tribute to the help rendered by Mesdames Maughan, Hollidge and Edmonds.

The prize-winners were as under:—
Lawn Bowls.
Club Championship.—1. A. H. Oswick; 2. L. Whant.

Handicap Singles.—1. A. Mill; 2. (prize presented by Wing Nam); H. Stanley.

Handicap Doubles.—1. A. Grimmit and J. T. Harris; 2. (prizes presented by the Wing On Co.); E. A. Smith and P. Knight.

Novices Competition.—1. (prize presented by Mr. R. Duncan); B. E. Maughan; 2. G. Gipson.

Drawing Competition.—(Prize presented by Mr. A. Mill); A. H. Oswick.

Tennis.

Club Championship.—E. C. Fincher; Dr. Valentine (runner-up).

Mixed Doubles.—Mr. and Mrs. Old; Mr. Grimmit and Mrs. Beardsall (runners-up).

Gents' Singles "A" Class.—1. Mr. Bradley; 2. Mr. Sheppard (runner-up).

Gents' Singles "B" Class.—1. R. White; A. H. Oswick (runner-up).

Children's Events.

Treasure Hunt.—1. Gladys Grimmit; 2. Nora Booker; 3. Winifred Grimmit; 4. Walter Pryde.

Girls, 6 to 8.—1. Ena Hill; 2. Flo Grimmit.

Boys, 6 to 8.—1. Neville Booker; 2. Leslie Millington.

Girls, 8 to 10.—1. Helen Grimmit; 2. Rosie Murphy.

Boys, 8 to 10.—1. Reggie Wood; 2. Ray White.

Tiny Tot.—1. P. Edmonds; 2. Marian Booker; 3. June Booker; 4. Patsy Gipson.

UNFAIR SYSTEM.

WOMAN INJURED FOR LIFE.

CARELESS TREATMENT.

Accidents involving fractured limbs have largely increased owing to the rapid developments in the use of machinery, but it would seem, unfortunately, that there has not been a corresponding improvement in their surgical treatment.

This conclusion is borne out in an article in the "Lancet," in which it was stated that the real need to-day was that our students in the mass should receive better instruction in the treatment of fractures. The student cannot be well taught on cases which are badly treated, while at the present time the treatment of fractures in general surgical wards is often left entirely to the house surgeon, who cannot possibly have the knowledge required to do the best for the case, and whose unflinching enthusiasm will not supply the experience wanted.

A particularly distressing case is described in the following interview with a patient, an elderly woman.

"When I was carried into the hospital," she said, "after being knocked down by a motor-car, I was told by the house-surgeon that my leg, broken above the ankle, would unite quite easily, and that I would be able to get about again as well as ever."

"I was assured by friends who came to see me that the name of the surgeon on the card above my bed was a well-known one, and that I could be in no better hands."

"A little later I learned that this gentleman was away on holiday. His duty devolved upon another surgeon, who, however, was not present when my leg, which had been previously X-rayed—was set a few days after admission. The work was performed by the young house-surgeon, assisted by the ward sister."

"Nearly two months after the leg had been set the surgeon whose case I was supposed to be returned from holiday. He examined my ankle, and my heart sank as he laid it down again upon the bed with a gesture which said 'Rotten job' as plainly as though he had spoken the words."

"I remained in the hospital for three months, and then returned to my own home, where I lay for two months more, receiving electrical and hand massage daily."

"Nearly six months after the accident I was able to get about on crutches. Three months later, however, my leg began to give me excruciating pain, and on my own doctor's advice I had the limb X-rayed. A state of affairs was disclosed which those best qualified to judge have described as incredible. One doctor has said that he could not imagine a worse job."

"I am now about again on my crutches, which I am encouraged to hope I may one day replace by sticks. But I am crippled for life."

An interesting annual event at the Craignower Cricket Club on Saturday was a dance which followed the cricket match. A large number of members and their friends spent an enjoyable afternoon in the club-house and entered into the spirit of the enjoyment provided by the Club. The band of the "Empress of Canada" supplied the music and dancing was kept up with much vim until the evening.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1903-4.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the outstanding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 4 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 24 to 30, 1925.

Time	Standard Time	High Water	Low Water
Dec. 24	11.45	1.1	1.1
Dec. 25	12.15	1.2	1.2
Dec. 26	12.45	1.3	1.3
Dec. 27	13.15	1.4	1.4
Dec. 28	13.45	1.5	1.5
Dec. 29	14.15	1.6	1.6
Dec. 30	14.45	1.7	1.7

K.C.C. v. R.A. & R.E.

Kowloon C.C. defeated a "R.A. and R.E." team by 28 runs in an all-day match.

R.A. & R.E. scored 153 (Lieut. Hall 50).

Kowloon were only 50 runs with 5 wickets down. Goodwin (70 not out) and Ramsay (44) were mainly responsible for taking on the total to 181.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 29th day of December, 1925, at NOON, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 14th to the 29th December, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th Dec., 1925.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association will be held in the Hall of Queen's College on WEDNESDAY, the 30th of December, 1925, at 5.30 p.m. for the following purpose:—

1. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the resolution that the financial year of the Association shall extend from 1st of January to 31st of December in each year and to amend Rule 4 of the Constitution accordingly.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held immediately after the Extraordinary General Meeting referred to above for the following purposes:—

1. To receive the General Committee's report and Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ending 30th November, 1925.

2. To elect the Officials for the year 1925-1926.

3. To transact any other business.

By Order of the General Committee,
C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.
c/o Little, Adams & Wood,
Hongkong, 23rd Dec., 1925.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A SPECIAL MEETING of A Members of the above Society and all those interested in Horticulture will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, 7th January, 1926, at 5.30 p.m., with a view to deciding whether the ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW should be held next year or not.

It is hoped that a good attendance may be expected. All Ladies interested are cordially invited to attend.

E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th Dec., 1925.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day ceased to employ Y. L. TANG as our shroff and he is no longer authorised to collect accounts on our behalf.

DRS. GILL AND SOMMERS.
Hongkong, Dec. 26th, 1925.

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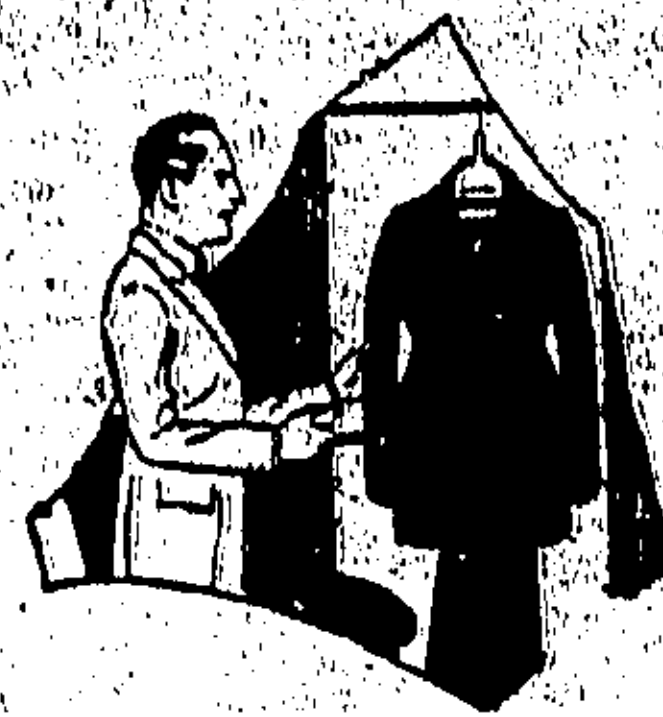
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ATLAS MARU ... Friday, 7th January

SIO DE JANEIRO, SANTIAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS, SANTIAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS, SANTIAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS ... Wednesday, 30th December

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo ... Thursday 31st December

BORNEO MARU ... Monday, 4th January

SEKKOW MARU ... Thursday, 31st December

SANTO MARU ... Thursday, 31st December

SEATTLE MARU ... Sunday, 24th January

VIRGINIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports

LONDON MARU (From Shanghai) ... Thursday, 31st December

ALABAMA MARU ... Saturday, 18th January

HAYBE MARU (From Keelung) ... Beginning of February

HAIPHONG VIA HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

AMARUSA MARU ... Friday, 8th January at 10 a.m.

JAPAN PORTS

SEIKO MARU ... Saturday 33rd January

SANTO MARU ... Sunday, 24th January

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HOZAN MARU ... Sunday, 2nd Jan. at 11 a.m.

TAKAO VIA SHANGHAI & AMOY

KOTSU MARU ... Thursday, 21st Dec., at 8 a.m.

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KOTSU MARU ... Friday, 8th January

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"LAHORE"	9,714	29th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"ALFORD"	9,714	1st Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"DELTA"	9,714	4th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Calcutta & B'way
"MALWA"	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"KARNATA"	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,941	8th Mar.	Marseilles and London
"KASHMIR"	9,885	13th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp & B'way
"KHYBER"	9,714	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd Apr.	Marseilles and London
"DEVANHA"	9,156	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,141	21st Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAEDONIA"	14,089	1st May	Marseilles & London
"KASHGAR"	9,006	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Feb.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Mar.	do.
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"HYMETTUS"	4,896	6th Jan.	Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai.
"SANTHA"	9,500	7th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	9th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	9,714	9th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	9th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KARNATA"	10,941	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,941	26th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,885	6th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
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Jan. 1.—G. E. S. Empress of Russia
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FROM WORTH CHINA.

Jan. 12.—J. O. L. T. Tibboda

FROM SINGAPORE.

Jan. 3.—B. F. Persens
Jan. 8.—B. F. Eumaeus
Jan. 17.—B. F. Paeonius
Jan. 23.—B. F. Mentor
Feb. 2.—B. F. Automodon
Feb. 9.—B. F. Hecker
Feb. 16.—B. F. Paeonius
Feb. 19.—B. F. Talysian
Mar. 2.—B. F. Jason

FROM CALCUTTA.

Dec. 31.—B. L. Hymettus
Jan. 5.—B. L. Anthia

FROM BOMBAY.

Jan. 8.—P. & O. Delta

FROM JAVA.

Dec. 27.—J. O. L. T. Tibboda
Jan. 3.—J. O. L. T. Tibboda

FROM JAPAN.

Jan. 1.—O. P. S. Empress of Russia
Jan. 4.—E. & A. Arctura
Jan. 5.—J. O. L. T. Tibboda

FROM MANILA.

Jan. 1.—S. Line Pres. Wilson
Jan. 2.—A. O. L. Pres. Jefferson
Jan. 5.—O. P. S. Empress of Russia
Jan. 8.—M. H. Amboise
Jan. 8.—E. & A. Arctura

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Jan. 8.—E. & A. St. Albans
Jan. 12.—E. & A. St. Albans
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FROM SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.

Jan. 13.—E. & A. St. Albans
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FROM DUNKIRK.

Jan. 1.—S. Line Pres. Wilson
Jan. 2.—A. O. L. Pres. Jefferson
Jan. 5.—O. P. S. Empress of Russia
Jan. 8.—M. H. Amboise
Jan. 8.—E. & A. Arctura

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

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FROM HAMBURG.

Jan. 2.—N. L. Albat
Jan. 30.—N. L. Albat
Feb. 1.—N. L. Albat
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FROM COPENHAGEN.

Jan. 10.—E. A. Kina
Jan. 24.—E. A. Kina
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Per A. O. L. s.s. "Pres. Jefferson" on Dec. 26.—Mr. Arnaldo Astoria, Mr. Augustus, Brostedt, Mr. A. H. Boyd, Mr. S. F. Chen, Mrs. T. C. Chow, Miss Alice Chow, Mr. A. P. Choolani, Miss Tong Chee-cheong, Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Gallimore, Master Robert Gallimore, Master Richard Gallimore, Mr. G. A. Harrell, Miss Barbara Holt, Mrs. J. J. Kearney, Mr. Ma Kun-ting, Mr. and Mrs. Ching Yung-Kai, Mr. P. W. Liu, Mr. A. Linblad, Mr. A. Murata, Miss Mary P. Noyes, Mr. Lam Nong, Mrs. B. W. Poor, Mr. H. P. Richardson, Mrs. O. Strijcosky, Miss T. Strijcosky, Mr. R. Chow, Dr. R. L. Sutton, Mr. H. Schremacher, Mr. N. S. Sier, Mr. H. D. Talbot, Miss M. Tyrrell, Mrs. C. C. Tong, Mr. T. Y. Tong, Mr. Tam Wing-rip, Judge Leonard-waddell, Mrs. C. S. Ward, Mr. S. S. Yih, Mr. E. M. Bachrach, Mr. A. J. Brent, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bryan, Mr. M. Benjamin, Mrs. Rose L. Chase, Mr. S. Day, Mr. O. Guelcher, Mr. and Mrs. N. McK. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Koch, Mr. Vicente Nery, Mr. R. Shaw.

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DEATH.

JEFFRESS.—Albert Gustavus, whilst at sea, Vice-President of British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. J. H. Oxberry and relatives beg to tender their best thanks to the friends of the late Mr. J. H. Oxberry for their floral contributions and sympathies on their recent bereavement.

Hongkong, Monday, Dec. 28, 1925.

HONGKONG'S CHRISTMAS.

The visitor to Hongkong—the lonely one, the one who has not yet had time to make friends—must find the Colony a very dull place at the Christmas festival. Once more it is proved that the season is an indoor one, common only to the family circle and close and immediate friends. Hongkong, outwardly at any rate, had an unfriendly appearance on the evening of the 26th. It seems time that some effort was made to make such seasons as these the glad things they are meant to be: that the stranger within our gate should be made to feel that there is a welcome for him if only in the outward appearance of the place. The centre of the town wore its wonted usual Sunday appearance—devoid of the warmth of light and the bustle that is its own during the day. Perhaps it is too much to expect our shopkeepers to blazon the fronts of their premises with lights. The Government, having presumably no soul, does not worry forgetting that part of its work should be to aim at contentment or a warmth of feeling leading to that desired state. Certainly the lighting in the centre of the town has improved within recent years. A scheme of festive illumination at this time of the year should be possible, to say nothing of the decorated and illuminated tram car which makes its appearance at times of royal visits. The Chinese would doubtless welcome some outward show of rejoicing at the best glad time of all the year. Another thing, which excited our pen on at the time of a similar festive season, was the apparent indifference shown to our service men. They probably had their observance in barracks and in ship during the day—but what of the night?

Hongkong is not Home. Conditions at Home—even to climate—do not operate here. It seems to us that there should be some combined effort made to show the men of the services that they "belong." It may be Tommy here when the band begins to play. It should also be Tommy and Jack here when Christmas Day sets in. Everybody's business is, seemingly, nobody's business. A proposed Union Jack Club has not survived the preliminary suggestion. Here is an opportunity that should not be neglected. It may not fulfil all that some idealists will hope, but it should prove an outward sign of welcome and goodwill, and a place of warmth and comfort, as opposed to the austerity of barracks and boat, which should do much at such seasons as Christmas to assure "the boys" they are not forgotten and that they are still just as important as they were in the days which commenced with August, 1914.

Disarmament.—America is practically certain, judging from last week's cablegrams, to be represented at the next international conference on disarmament, particularly in view of President Coolidge's favourable study of the question. With America distinctly opposed to the rush to build battleships and create armies, the European Powers, like minded, will be encouraged to make a distinct success of the conference whenever and wherever it is held. It is interesting to recall that in his message to Congress as recently as December 7, the American President expressed his belief that the eventual result of the Locarno pact should further the cause of more limited armaments. If Europe limits land armaments, which President Coolidge described as a peculiarly European problem, America may more easily consider the further reduction and limitation of naval armaments. The general policy of America favours disarmament, said the President in his Congress message, and he added: "We should not hesitate to adopt any practical plan which might reasonably be expected to succeed," whilst he carefully remarked that America "would not care to attend a conference which, because of its location or its constituency, would in all probability prove futile." Finally, it is worth noting that President Coolidge reiterated his antagonism to any policy of competitive armaments. In saying this he got to the kernel of the whole problem. Adequate measures for defence are essential, as every Briton knows; but it is one thing to fulfil that requirement and quite another thing to compete for the sheer sake of competition with other nations, in the needless construction of warships and the expansion of armies.

THEY SAY THAT—

I decline to have my life ruled by Mr. Cook.—Sir Robert Horns.

The most common fear in normal life is that of going insane.—Sir Maurice Craig.

Locarno was not an end, but a beginning.—Mr. Austen Chamberlain, M.P.

In a civilised community, everybody has to lie—if only to avoid unkindness.—Mr. W. B. Maxwell.

I object to statutes which classify the population as men, women and prostitutes.—Mrs. Bramwell Booth.

We are only a little civilised, and must learn a lot from capitalistic Europe and America.—Leon Trotsky.

A popular verdict, however long maintained, is a very dispirited signpost.—Ruth.—Mr. C. W. Alford.

UNIQUE CEREMONY.

E.A.S.M.A. CLUB PICTURE UNVEILED.

HON. SECRETARY HONOURED.

A portrait of the Hon. Secretary and first life-member—Mr. T. N. MacReynolds, was unveiled at the E.A.S.M.A. Club premises on Saturday. Life membership was conferred on Mr. MacReynolds at the last annual general meeting. In unveiling the picture, Mr. T. N. MacReynolds, President of the Club, said:—

Gentlemen.—A member of our Association, Mr. Stanley Hill, has very kindly presented to us a fine drawing of our Honorary Secretary, Mr. T. N. MacReynolds, whose work on behalf of this Association has in itself been a monument of excellence which will last as long as the name of E.A.S.M.A. is known and long after you and I have left this Colony. It is not my desire to embarrass our genial friend by making a long recital regarding our very sincere appreciation of services rendered for us all individually and collectively, to further the interests of this Association in the best possible way. Possessed with that unalterable indomitable spirit of 1914 and the years that followed he is a zealous champion of all of those who were one with him in that Great Adventure, and as a mark of our very high esteem I now have very great pleasure in unveiling this picture of our Honorary Secretary, Mr. T. N. MacReynolds, the first Honorary Life Member of this Association.

The members present then joined in toasting Mr. MacReynolds and singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. MacReynolds replied briefly and stressed the need for maintaining the comradeship of 1914. Since he had been in office a large number of ex-Service men had been helped and the few cases that had been turned down were unhelpable. He desired to associate the Committee with all that had been done, for in them the Association had a capable and energetic body who had its best interests at heart.

Further toasts and singing brought the ceremony to a close.

SEAMAN'S DEATH.

STRUCK BY FLYING FLOAT.

SAD "HERMES" INCIDENT.

As a result of injuries sustained in an accident on board H.M.S. "Hermes," Able Seaman Whitty died at the Naval Hospital on Friday evening.

The accident occurred about a fortnight ago and injuries sustained at the time were not thought to be serious. The engine of a large observation plane was being tested prior to flight when a spare float was affected by the slip stream from the propeller. The float was whirled into the air and struck the seaman who at the time was holding down the wing of another machine. Injuries to the spine were sustained.

The funeral took place on Saturday, mourning parties from ships in the harbour following the body to the graveside. The firing party was from H.M.S. "Hermes." Naval ships half masted their flags.

FRENCH FINANCE.

GOVERNMENT AGAIN TOTTERING.

DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, December 27. From a political standpoint the Cabinet is certainly not having a happy Christmas. According to some of this morning's papers the Government is tottering on the brink of a financial precipice, which has already engulfed its predecessors. The trouble is apparently due to a divergence over M. Doumer's proposals, the Left Cartellists, headed by M. Painlevé, objecting particularly to a proposal to double the existing tax on business turnovers.

"Le Journal" roundly declares that M. Briand will resign if the majority of the Cabinet turns down M. Doumer's proposals when Christmas Day's Cabinet meeting is resumed on Monday.

According to the "Matin," the Government is at present considering the possibility of presenting a financial programme to Parliament in instalments, whereby the proposals for dealing with the floating debt and balancing the Budget will be the first, the remainder being devoted to the problem of business turnovers, temporarily left in abeyance.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

READING QUICKER. Do we read speak? Lord Birkenhead, the Shreds man believes, is the despair of some shorthand-writers. He goes on at a uniform rate of 350 to 360 words a minute. The late Robertson Nicoll said it took many people a whole day to get through an ordinary book, and another day to make up their minds about it. "You ought to be able to read every word of an average 80,000-word book in three hours, and write an opinion of it in an hour." Three into 80,000 gives us more than 26,000 words, whilst 300 words of a speaker give us 18,000 words an hour. The Shreds man consulted an authority—a lady. She says most decidedly that people read more quickly than they speak. Letters to the Editor on the subject will probably be inserted but what is the use of disputing with an authority!

In a recent case, described by counsel as "a perfect vulgar boarding-house lady," a lady of uncertain temper was unfortunately enough to find herself locked in her room. The lady was apparently no relative of that captain of the Pinafore who never (well, hardly ever) employed a big D; on the contrary, she seems to have been more nearly allied to the Shavian Galatea. Mr. Justice Rowlatt, giving judgment on the case, regretted that the plaintiff should have permitted herself to indulge in language "which a gentleman did not as a rule use; and a lady never did use." It was indeed unfortunate that she should have minimised her damages by enquiring on the occasional prerogative of the other sex. A gentleman was once defined as one who was never unintentionally rude. A parallel definition might now be added, and a lady described as one who, in provocative circumstances, was more than common calm. And never used a single Darn!

The settlement of the Rhodes Rhodes Scholarship Trust on a permanent basis in consequence of the satisfactory results of its experimental stage in the last 20 years has been announced by the new secretary, Philip Kerr, formerly secretary to Mr. Lloyd George when he was Prime Minister of England.

The annual stipend allowed the scholars has been increased from £300 to £400. Mr. Kerr announced, to allow for the higher cost of living. A building for activities of the trust will be established at Oxford. "During the past 20 years," said Mr. Kerr, "1280 Rhodes scholars have come to Oxford, 576 from the dominions and colonies, 634 from the United States and 59 from Germany." (The scholarships were discontinued during the war.) The consensus of informed opinion is that this great experiment of maintaining some 200 overseas scholars in residence has been a success from the point of view of both the individual and of Oxford itself. "There have been a few misfits here and there, but in the great majority of cases, Rhodes scholars have been liked and respected at Oxford and have themselves come to look back upon their sojourn there with affectionate and grateful remembrance. The scholarship scheme, therefore, has passed out of the experimental stage and it has been thought desirable to create in Oxford a more permanent centre for its activities."

There would appear to be a Post on the staff of the Anglo-Austrian Bank, for the last monthly review of that institution, in dealing with the excellent harvest in Central Europe this year, starts off as follows: "The valleys have, indeed, stood thick with corn this year but their laughing and singing is drowned by the tumultuous complications of an artificial age, in which the husbandman does not look to his own field to know his year's sustenance, but rather to the newspaper to tell him of the condition of innumerable fields thousands of miles away, of states of markets, of export taxes, of credits obtainable, of transport facilities, of international trade treaties and of all the cumbersome paraphernalia with which life in the 20th century has estranged itself from direct dependence upon the soil. The writer is also not without humour, for later on he says: "This year the believers will thank God, and the speculators will thank their sagacity or their stars. Because this year has been the richest harvest produced for many years. Ice House St. should take the hint."

DRUMS ON THE CONGO.

The drum, indeed, plays a very important part in the life of Central Africa, for to the native it is a gramophone, an orchestra, a radio, a telegraph, a telephone in one. Over a region as large as Europe it is as commonly used for purposes of communication as Alexander Graham Bell's invention is in the United States. On one occasion, while in a canoe on the Congo above Stanley Falls, we heard, from far in the distance, the boom, boom, boom of a drum, the drummer evidently employing a code resembling our own Morse. My natives promptly ceased their paddling and listened intently; then one of them seized the drum lying in the bottom of the canoe and with a few quick beats answered the mysterious message that was coming to us out of the unknown. "What are they saying?" I asked Amont. "It is one man from all same village like these people," he explained. "He long way off on 'nother ribber, twenty-thirty mile away. He say please tell him funny fishing is ver' good so he not come home till to-morrow."

It was precisely as though an American business man were to call up his wife by telephone and tell her not to keep dinner waiting for him as he was spending the night in town.

Every Congo village has its town drum, usually a great hollowed log, sometimes three feet in diameter and a dozen feet long, set on blocks under a thatched hut of its own. These town drums are used for communicating with neighbouring villages, for sending out summons to dances, feasts, tribal councils, for broadcasting news of every kind. If the climate conditions are propitious, particularly at night, when a sudden hush falls over the great forest, they can be heard, so it is alleged, for sixty miles; it is a well-known fact that the government radio messages are frequently outstripped by messages transmitted by the native drums. For the radio service in the Congo, as I discovered, is by no means so dependent upon

So highly has this means of communication been developed—it is said that certain of the African tribes, notably the Yorubas of Southern Nigeria, can actually tell their language on the drum—and so universal is its use, that nothing happens among the white population which is not promptly disseminated among the natives. Time and again, in the course of our journey down the Congo, we found that the inhabitants of the wood-posts at which the steamer stopped for fuel had been apprised of our coming and knew all about us (this I learned from Amont); that I spent a portion of each day tapping out strange characters on a piece of paper by means of a mysterious clickety-click machine; that Barton carried a large black box in which he caught and imprisoned the images of people; and that my wife had a shiny magic tube which, when she pressed a button, could turn night into day. Nothing escapes the notice of your African native, who is as fond of disseminating trivial news by means of the drum as women in small communities at home are fond of gossiping over the telephone.

The speed and accuracy with which these drum messages are sent, sometimes over long distances, is astonishing. For example, when we arrived at the point on the river where we were to leave the progress and follow a trail through the bush to the trading-post, we were astounded to find the trader awaiting us with a hammock and bearers for every member of the party. He told us that he had known of our coming since early morning, though no canoe had preceded us down the river and there was no means of communication by land. How had he learned that we had been added to the number of his invited guests? By the drum, of course. And the only instance in the information was that we were English, which was not surprising, for in the Congo Americans are unknown. Every European who is not a Belgian (Belgian being an Englishman) is a Frenchman. — E. A. Rowell, in "The Congo, The River of the Future."

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POWERS AND NEW CHINESE POSITION.

A FRENCH REPORT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Dec. 27. It is declared in well-informed circles that the Powers interested will not despatch a joint Note to the Chinese Government in regard to present events in China.

COUNTERBALANCED.

Shanghai, Dec. 27. General Feng Yu-hsiang's success in Tientsin is more than counterbalanced by Marshal Chang Tso-lin's remarkable recovery.

It is reported from Tientsin that Feng Yu-hsiang's troops were in full possession on Christmas eve. A. H. was quiet on Saturday morning, the guards withdrawing and the trains to Peking resuming.

Japan Praised.

London, December 27.

A leader on the Chinese war, in the "Daily Telegraph" declares that the Japanese Government, which has shown real statesmanship in a trying situation, has acted promptly on the news of Marshal Chang's recovery, recalling its troops from Mukden and withdrawing the order relating to the six-mile zone, in regard to which the journal is sure that neither Britain nor the United States in similar circumstances could have remained indifferent to the risks facing the nationals. It expresses the opinion that but for the presence of the small disciplined Japanese force Mukden might have been sacked last week and incalculable damage done. "Japan has shown once again that, though she is most anxious about the future of her trade with China, she can exercise patience and prefers to employ diplomacy rather than force."

Account of Fighting.

Peking, December 24.

General Feng Yu-hsiang's capture of Tientsin was preceded by very heavy fighting. On December 22 the Kuomintang troops attacked in the early morning, and, after sanguinary bayonet fighting, gained Li Ching-lin's defence system near Peking. Li Ching-lin counter-attacked that afternoon and regained some lost ground. Eyewitnesses state that hundreds are lying in trenches and twelve hundred Kuomintang wounded had already been brought into Peking by December 23 from the previous day's fighting.

Further fighting occurred on Dec. 23, and as the result thereof Li Ching-lin's Fourth Division broke but he rallied them and established a line three miles from Tientsin Central Station. As the result of further heavy fighting this morning Li Ching-lin's troops scattered in disorder.

[The foregoing cablegram was received in Hongkong only this afternoon.]

WAR FOR TURKEY?
TO AVERT REVOLUTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 27. The "Westminster Gazette" publishes a message from Ankara stating that the territorial loss of Mosul is insignificant compared with the loss of prestige to Kemal Pasha and his Government, which is still faced with strong opposition in Turkey. The Government may be forced to war to regain its prestige and avert a revolution at home. It adds that the Turkish-Soviet Treaty contains a secret clause guaranteeing Soviet support for Turkey in the event of war.

UNPROVOKED.

RUSSIANS ATTACK AFGHAN POST.

(Reuter's Service.)

Allahabad, December 27. The newspapers publish a Kabul report that Russian troops suddenly and unprovokedly attacked and captured an Afghan post at Darkad, in Badakshan, and occupied the surrounding territory.

In the middle of a ploughed field the motor car lay helplessly on its side. It had skidded off the road and through the hedge. The motorist stood looking at it disconsolately.

"Hallo?" called a curious passer-by. "Had an accident?" "Oh, no; not at all!" the angry motorist answered sweetly. "I've just got a new car, so I brought this old one out into the field to bury it. Have you got a pickaxe and a shovel in your pocket you could lend me?"

WAR IN NORTH.

REQUEST TO JAPANESE CONSUL.

MEDIATION DESIRED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, December 24.

The War Office reports that some of General Kuo's officers visited the Japanese Consul-General at Hsinminfu on Tuesday requesting him to mediate between the rival commanders for a peaceful solution of the trouble. It was explained to the Consul-General that the request was made without General Kuo's approval but they were prepared to sacrifice everything for reconciliation, provided that a guarantee was given.

The Consul-General, Mr. Yoshida, discussed the proposition with the Chief of the Civil Administration in Mukden till late on Wednesday night.

Kuo's Collapse.

Tokyo, December 24.

A "Kokusai" report from Mukden states that owing to General Wu Chun-seng capturing a quantity of munitions when he took Paikpu yesterday and as General Kuo's lines of communication are reported to be cut, the Fengtien commanders anticipate the complete collapse of General Kuo's army shortly, though there is no doubt he will desperately attempt to retrieve his losses.

As the result of the Fengtien success, the Mukden currency rose to-day and business was animated.

It is reported that the Fengtien troops captured twelve field and twenty heavy guns, a large number of rifles, and many prisoners. A section of General Chang Hsue-liang's troops are reported to have entered Hsinminfu and General Kuo's forces are concentrating on Tamting for the purpose of repelling them, but General Kuo's own whereabouts are uncertain.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin has offered a reward for General Kuo's capture.

[A subsequent cablegram reported the capture of Kuo and his execution in Mukden.]

A Flank Attack.

Tokyo, December 24.

The "Nichi Nichi" special correspondent at Mukden reports that Hsinminfu was partly destroyed by an aerial bombardment yesterday afternoon, whilst simultaneously Marshal Chang Tso-lin launched a general counter-attack along the whole front, resulting in the right wing advancing within two miles of Hsinminfu and the centre, under Marshal Chang's son, recapturing Chuliuho. The Mukden forces are continuing aerial attacks at various points.

The "Asahi" special correspondent at Mukden reports similarly, adding that the Japanese have warned them against destroying the Hsinminfu Consulate.

The Mukden troops' flank attack caused General Kuo to retreat without having a prepared position in the rear.

The "Nichi Nichi" attributes General Kuo's defeat to three factors—no proper fire control, resulting in ammunition shortage, also the Mukden forces' flank attack, and Wu Chung-chien's skilful handling of his cavalry.

The War Office has received despatches from Mukden reporting that the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Yoshida, has presented to Marshal Chang Tso-lin the offer from General Kuo's Brigade Commander Kao that General Kuo was prepared to surrender provided that his life and property were guaranteed.

Marshal Chang has not yet accepted the offer as he doubts its sincerity.

Japanese View.

Tokyo, December 25.

The Foreign Office spokesman stated that even though Marshal Chang Tso-lin is apparently victorious, he will not be permitted to re-enter Mukden until all possibility of attack from the National forces is past. The Foreign Office feels that the situation is still unsettled.

The Japanese have permitted General Kuo Sung-ling's forces to occupy Newchwang and Chinchow owing to the absence of Marshal Chang's troops and there being no danger of fighting.

Execution of Kuo.

Tokyo, Dec. 25.

A "Kokusai" message from Mukden states that Kuo Sung-ling was brought to Mukden and executed at 10 o'clock last night. An "Asahi" special from Mukden states Kuo's wife was also shot.

The War Office confirms the arrest, but is not yet able to confirm the execution.

Appeal For Mercy.

Later.

The Foreign Office has received no advice officially of the execution of Kuo Sung-ling and his wife, but the spokesman stated that the Mukden Consul had been instructed to ask for mercy for

Kuo, and that Chang agreed to send a messenger to Hsinminfu ordering his life to be preserved, but it was evidently too late.

It is understood that Japan is making further representations for mercy for the minor Kuo Sung-ling Generals.

Numerous troops have gone over to Chang.

The "Nichi Nichi" correspondent near Hsinminfu, Japan has demanded that Chang Tso-lin investigate the disappearance, which he has agreed to do.

The Foreign Office is extremely pessimistic regarding the turn of affairs in Manchuria, although it is reiterated that Japan is always neutral. The general feeling is that the situation is settled temporarily, but there is fear that Feng and Chang will go to war later.

Japanese Concession.

Tokyo, Dec. 26.

Official advice from Mukden states that the commander of the Japanese forces has withdrawn the order prohibiting Chinese troops within the six mile zone, as the situation, it is considered, permits it.

Owing to expense, Baron Hamaguchi has made strong representations for the withdrawing of troops from Mukden, resulting in the War Department announcing its decision to withdraw the Korean garrison contingents before the end of the year, while the remaining reinforcements which were sent from Kurume, will be withdrawn soon after.

The Navy Department announces that the destroyer "Suzuki" has been ordered to Chingwangtao for the protection of nationals, as Li Ching-lin's defeated troops have withdrawn from the locality.

The Foreign Office states that Chang Tso-lin's troops have not entered Mukden but it is expected he will make a demand soon for permission to re-enter and resume control.

It is stated that Japan will only accede if there is no danger of further fighting.

Capture of Tientsin.

Tientsin, Dec. 27.

The Kuomintang troops captured Tientsin after severe fighting at the Central Station and in the Hoptel district. Three thousand Chihli troops retreated from the station after half an hour's fighting. The Kuomintang advance guard ran along the main street, shooting indiscriminately.

Li Ching-lin left the yamen for the Japanese concession as soon as the Kuomintang soldiers advanced from the station. It was later reported that he had gone to Shantung down the Tsingpu line, with three trains of crack troops.

The entire Chihli army passed through Tientsin during the morning of the 24th, fully equipped with all their guns. The concessions were heavily guarded by volunteers and allied forces. No attempts were made to force admission, though the Italians guarding the native electric works returned the fire of the soldiers, killing two.

The Kuomintang troops took full possession by the evening of Thursday and the advance guard continued the pursuit of the Chihli troops westward.

This morning it is very quiet and the guards are withdrawing. The trains to Peking are resuming.

New Civil Governor.

Peking, Dec. 27.

A mandate appoints Sun Yueh as Tupan and concurrently Civil Governor of the province of Chihli, and Teng Pao-shan as assistant Director of Military Affairs of the province.

Railway communication between Peking and Tientsin was resumed yesterday to the extent of one train daily.

Reports are conflicting regarding the whereabouts of Li Ching-lin. A Kuomintang communiqué states he has taken refuge in the Japanese concession at Tientsin, but foreign circles are of opinion that he is concentrating his forces at Machang with a view to linking up with Chang Tsung-chang.

Train Fired On.

Peking, Dec. 26.

A wireless message from Tientsin says that the ninth division of troops at Hsinho fired on the international train travelling from Tientsin to Shanhaikuan yesterday. The train was compelled to return to Tientsin.

Protest Disregarded.

Peking, Dec. 27.

It appears that the train was halted by firing, and a subsequent attempt to proceed was prevented by an armoured train. Disregarding the Japanese commander's protests, the Kuomintang officer boarded the train, which was directed to return to Tientsin immediately to save being fired on. Infantry and an armoured train ranged up, and the train was forced to return. The Spion Minister has protested, requesting that instructions be issued immediately to permit the passage of a further train which is being sent in the near future.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

METHOD OF ACHIEVING REFORMS.

MEER SUBMISSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Delhi, Dec. 27.

Raja Paragal, Minister in the Madras Government, in his presidential address at the All India Non-Brahmin Congress, urged the British Government to take immediate steps to give a further advance in constitutional reforms. The method of achieving this was neither civil disobedience nor obstruction, but meek submission or appeal to the British nation and the League of Nations through Britain.

He feared that the South African Indian problem was fast getting beyond control, and he advised the Indians to change their attitude toward the depressed classes.

CAWNPORE CONGRESS.

Cawnpore, Dec. 27.

The National Congress adopted a resolution urging the Viceroy not to sanction the Burman Bill for the expulsion of non-Burman offenders, also the Bill providing for a tax on passengers arriving in Burma by sea on the ground that it would impair the interests of Indian residents in Burma.

It also adopted a resolution condemning the action of the Government in keeping persons detained under the Bengal Ordinance imprisoned without a trial for over a year and demanding release. It also expressed its intention of supporting the Sikh prisoners who were insisting on unconditional release as the result of the Gurda settlement.

Professor Holmes, of Pennsylvania University and of the American Federation of Labour, in a speech, assured the meeting, amid applause, of American sympathy in support of the movement for the freedom of India and said that the West was looking to Gandhi for his gospel.

EARLIER CABLEGRAMS.

Cawnpore, December 25.

The General Council of the Swaraj Party discussed the programme which will be submitted for the endorsement of the National Congress at tomorrow's meeting. It carried Motilal Nehru's proposal that in the event of the Government failing to give a satisfactory reply to the Legislative Assembly's repeated demand for constitutional advance, involving the transfer to the Legislature of responsibility for practically all Departments, except temporary reservations in regard to foreign and military affairs, members should not attend the Legislatures except to prevent their seats being declared vacant.

It was further decided, in the above eventuality, that the Special Committee of the Party should call a meeting of the All-India Congress Committee to frame the programme of work to be carried out by the Congress and the Swaraj organisations.

OFFICES FOR PATRIOTS.

Cawnpore, December 26.

The Subjects Committee of the Indian National Congress, by a vote of 135 to 21, has adopted the resolution of Pandit Motilal Nehru in favour of boycotting Legislative Councils if the demands already made by the Legislative Assembly in regard to constitutional progress are not conceded. The resolution laid down that Swarajists should only attend often enough to prevent their seats from being vacated and that they should throw out the Budget also. No office should be accepted as long as the Government did not give anything like a satisfactory reply.

The discussion was heated owing to the Bombay and Nagpur Swarajist leaders declaring that offices of power and responsibility ought to be filled by patriots at a time when Indianisation was proceeding apace, otherwise the Swaraj movement would receive a set-back and the Government would appoint anti-Nationalists. The resolution is expected to be carried by a large majority when brought before the Congress.

NO BLAME.

TWO JUDGES EXONERATE THE POLICE.

SHANGHAI ENQUIRY REPORT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, December 23.

The Diplomatic Corps to-day published summaries of the reports of the judicial inquiry into the incident of May 30 together with the report of the Diplomatic Commission which proceeded to Shanghai in June, a letter of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Shanghai to the Senior Consul, dated December 21, and similar documents.

The Diplomatic Corps in a preliminary statement says that as no Chinese witness came forward and the Judges were unable to collect full and sufficient evidence and could not reach a unanimous decision, each submitted his own report.

The summary of Mr. Justice Johnson's report extends to eleven pages and attaches some blame to Mr. McEuen, the Police Commissioner. The British and Japanese Judges, on the other hand, attach no blame to the police, Mr. Justice Suga definitely stating that none of the police can be accused of culpable negligence. Mr. McEuen was not responsible for failing to anticipate the disturbance and Inspector Eyerson's order to fire was justifiable.

The Chairman of the Council's letter to the Consuls states: "The Council, being placed in possession of a summary of the Commission of Enquiry's findings, I have the honour to inform you that notwithstanding that the findings of the majority of the Judges exonerate the police from blame, Mr. McEuen and Inspector Eyerson have tendered their resignations. The Council, preferring, as always, to take action likely to promote a settlement of the question, has accepted the resignations with an expression of appreciation of the meritorious services of these officers in the past. The Council renews its expression of regret at the loss of life on May 30, and as a mark of sympathy for the wounded and relatives of the killed, encloses a cheque for \$75,000 for transmission to the Chinese Foreign Affairs Commission for distribution among those concerned as a compassionate grant."

[The Council's letter had previously been cabled by Reuter.]

COTTON CROP.

REDUCTION TO ENSURE PROFITS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, December 26.

The American Cotton Association has convoked a meeting of farmers, merchants, and bankers for January 7 at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss the methods of reducing the 1926 crop to ensure profits.

Mr. John King, Secretary of the Producers' Association, stated that the price of 25 cents per lb. was necessary to ensure a profit. It is estimated that \$400,000,000 was lost on the 1925 crop.

CINEMA BLAZE.

FATAL PANIC IN CEBU THEATRE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Manila, Dec. 27.

Thirteen persons were killed and a hundred injured when a blaze in a Cebu theatre started a panic among the audience.

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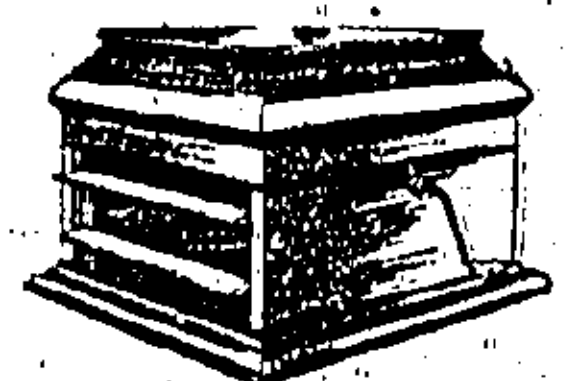
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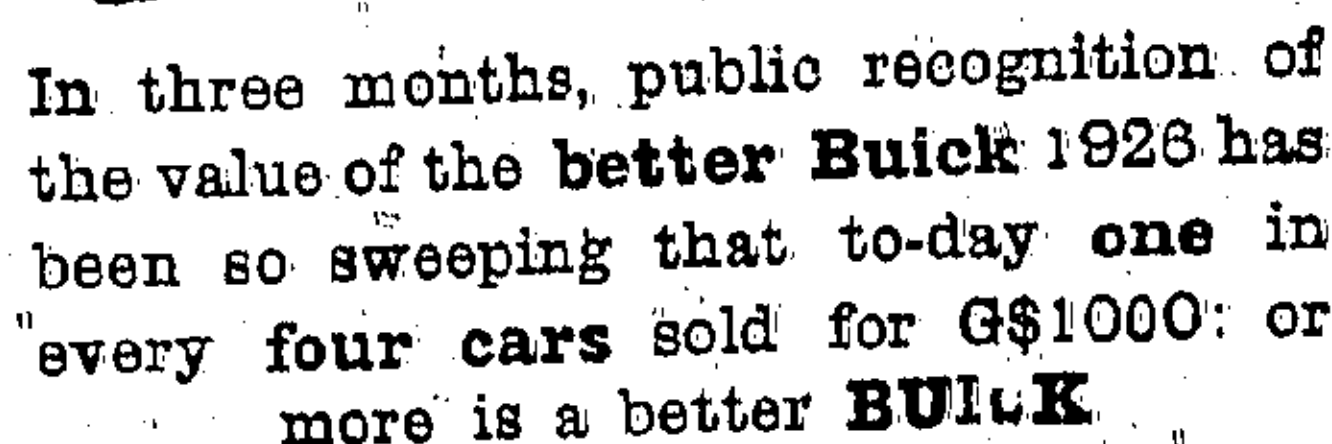
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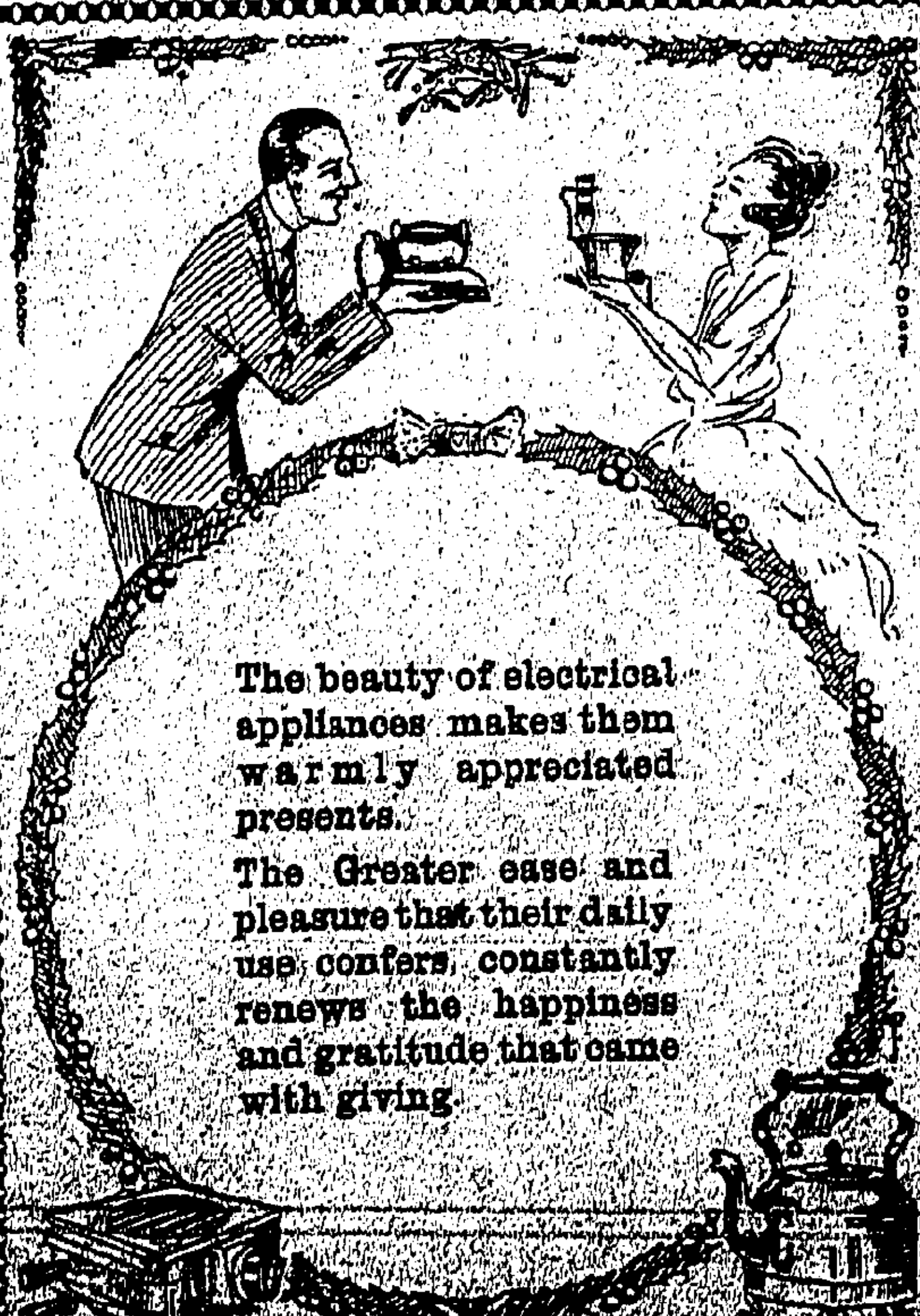
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HOME SOCCER.

BOXING DAY LEAGUE MATCHES.

THE TABLES TO DATE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 26.

League football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aston Villa 2, West Ham 0.
Burnley 6, Leeds 3.
Everton 3, Blackburn 0.
Huddersfield 1, Sunderland 1.
Leicester 2, Sheffield 2.
Manchester City 0, Bury 2.
Newcastle 3, Liverpool 0.
Notts County 4, Arsenal 1.
Tottenham 2, Birmingham 1.
West Bromwich 3, Cardiff 0.
Bolton v. Manchester United postponed (ground not fit).

Division II.

Chelsea 2, Blackpool 3.
Derby 2, Port Vale 0.
Hull 1, Darlington 1.
Middlesbrough 4, Fulham 0.
Portsmouth 4, Stockport 0.
Preston N.E. 0, South Shields 0.
Wednesday 5, Bradford City 1.
Southampton 2, Clapton Orient 0.

Stoke 1, Swansea 1.
Wolverhampton 2, Oldham 1.
Barnsley v. Notts Forest postponed (ground not fit).

Division III (South).

Aberdare 2, Brighton 2.
Brentford 2, Millwall 0.
Bristol Rovers 7, Bournemouth 2.
Charlton 1, Queen's Park Rangers 1.

Crystal Palace 2, Norwich 0.
Luton 5, Gillingham 3.
Newport 3, Merthyr 1.
Northampton 2, Watford 2.
Plymouth 2, Exeter 2.
Southend 1, Bristol City 2.
Swindon 1, Reading 1.

Division III (North).

Bradford 0, Grimsby 1.
Chesterfield 6, Rotherham 1.
Crewe 2, Coventry 1.
Doncaster 6, Southport 1.
Halifax 5, Walsall 0.
Hartlepool 2, Ashington 1.
New Brighton 0, Nelson 0.
Rochdale 5, Durham 0.
Tranmere 2, Accrington 2.
Wigan 4, Barrow 1.
Wrexham 1, Lincoln 1.

Scottish League.

Airdrieonians 0, Dundee United 1.
Clydebank 1, Hamilton 3.
Cowdenbeath 1, Celtic 1.
Dundee 1, Hibernians 4.
Falkirk 2, Partick 2.
Hearts 1, St. Mirren 8.
Queen's Park 0, Motherwell 3.
Raith 4, Kilmarnock 5.
Rangers 0, St. Johnstone 1.
Morton v. Aberdeen postponed (ground not fit).

The league tables now stand:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

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Aston Villa 23 13 4 6 40 36 30
Sunderland 23 12 5 6 54 20 29
Huddersfield 20 8 3 9 32 26
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Portsmouth 23 10 6 50 26
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CHARITY SOCCER.

SCOTLAND BEATEN BY PORTUGAL.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP.

By the odd goal in three Portugal defeated Scotland in the first tie for the "Sunday Herald" international (charity) cup, at the H.K.F.C. ground before a representative gathering on Saturday.

Play was not of a high order and it was some time before the teams settled down. Poor shooting by Scotland in the second half gave Portugal the victory.

After 20 minutes of the game with the wind against them, Scotland took the lead through McBride who received a pass from Forsyth.

Just before the breather Fuertes centred to Gosano who put his side on terms.

After the interval Portugal's half-back line set the left wing in motion. Brown ran down the wing, passed inwards to Silva who, in turn, gave to Gosano and the centre-forward scored.

Portugal:—Fernandez; Ogley, Xavier; A. V. Remedios, A. A. Remedios, H. C. Remedios; Gutierrez, Fuertes, Gosano, Silva, Brown.

Scotland:—A. E. Clarke; Summers, Oram; McGreavy, J. Stewart, McKelvie; Brodie, Forsyth, McBride, Johnstone, Key.

Referee: Mr. Smyth, Linesmen, Messrs. Ford and McIvor.

[Note:—In the final Portugal meets the winner of the postponed China v. England tie.]

RUGBY INTERPORT.

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RACE TO MACAO.

HOLIDAY EVENT FOR CLUB CRUISERS.

CALMS ON THE RETURN.

After giving promise of an early finish on Saturday night, the annual race of Yacht Club cruisers to Macao and back did not finish till noon on Sunday, the first home not getting in till five yesterday morning.

The outward journey was done in good time but nearly all of the boats were becalmed, at various stages, while coming back.

Six yachts did the course, leaving:—

Brenda (cutter), owned by Messrs. Duggan, Jenkinson and King, sailed by Mr. H. Dreyer.

Coquette (sloop), owned and sailed by Mr. F. Oliver.

La Cigale (cutter), owned and sailed by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher.

Ladye Jean (Chinese rigged), owned by Mr. M. Raymond, sailed by Mr. H. J. Pearce.

Tavy II (ketch), owned by the officers of H.M.S. "Tamar."

U. and I. (cutter), owned and sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse.

U. and I. was 3rd at Macao, 45 minutes behind the leader, but finished a comfortable first on time and handicap.

Brenda was the last to turn. She got back 4th and was 2nd on handicap.

Tavy II was 5th at the half-way mark. Last to return to the Yacht Club she took 3rd place on handicap.

Coquette was an hour behind the last boat when at the half-way stage. She finished a good 3rd but was 4th on handicap.

At the Macao mark-boat Ladye Jean was second, half an hour behind the first boat. She came back 5th and was also 5th on handicap.

La Cigale, the scratch boat, led at the turn but was second at the finish. On handicap she was last.

Brenda's steersman, led by Mr. Dreyer, took a shrewd course on the trip home. He went fairly far north and came down on both tide and a cross wind almost from the north.

Ladye Jean was caught and passed and Brenda came through Capetium nicely but was becalmed off Stonecutters, in the mist.

With the exception of, possibly, Tavy II, all the boats were inside the harbour, well past Capetium, by 11 on Saturday night but the dead calm made them loaf about till the mist lifted on Sunday morning.

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People and Events in the News of the World



All the way from London, receiving as much attention as a first
cabin passenger, came this prize pup, sent to Mrs. Jack Dempsey
following its purchase across the water.



Physical culturists in a Berlin
school have excited comment by
exercising in the open girded only by
a loin cloth. Both sexes are in the
school.



When Mrs. Rudolph Valentino returned from Europe, the Sheik
of the Screen was conspicuous by his absence at the pier. He was
later found promenading with Mae Murray, of film fame.



(Above) LT. COL. W. G. SCHAUFFLER
LT. COL. W. E. GILLMORE & MAJ. H. J. F. MILLER

Inefficiency, rotten planes and lack of reserve officers for air
emergency were some of the charges made by officers who testified
at the court martial of Col. William Mitchell. Col. W. G. Schauffler,
in retort to a remark by General Howze that he never saw a flier as
low as 500 feet over the enemy's lines, suggested the General may
have been down in the dugout. Lieut. Col. W. E. Gillmore and Major
H. J. F. Miller also supported the charges made by Mitchell.



Sir James Barrie is the godfather
of the infant son of the famous Violet
Lorraine, who in private life is Mrs.
Walter Joyce.



PRINCESS VIORA MARCHESA SOMMI BISCARDI

H. Z. C. Fernando, British representative from England to
Ceylon, is touring the United States for the first time. Capt. S. F.
Cummings, of the U.S. "American Merchant," rescued a Dutch freighter
as it was crippled in mid-Atlantic. Princess Viora, whose marital
romances began with her marriage to Frank Gould, son of the
financier, in 1911, is through, she says, with romancing. Marchesa
Sommi Biscardi, of Rome, is in London renewing old acquaintances.

BRINGING UP FATHER

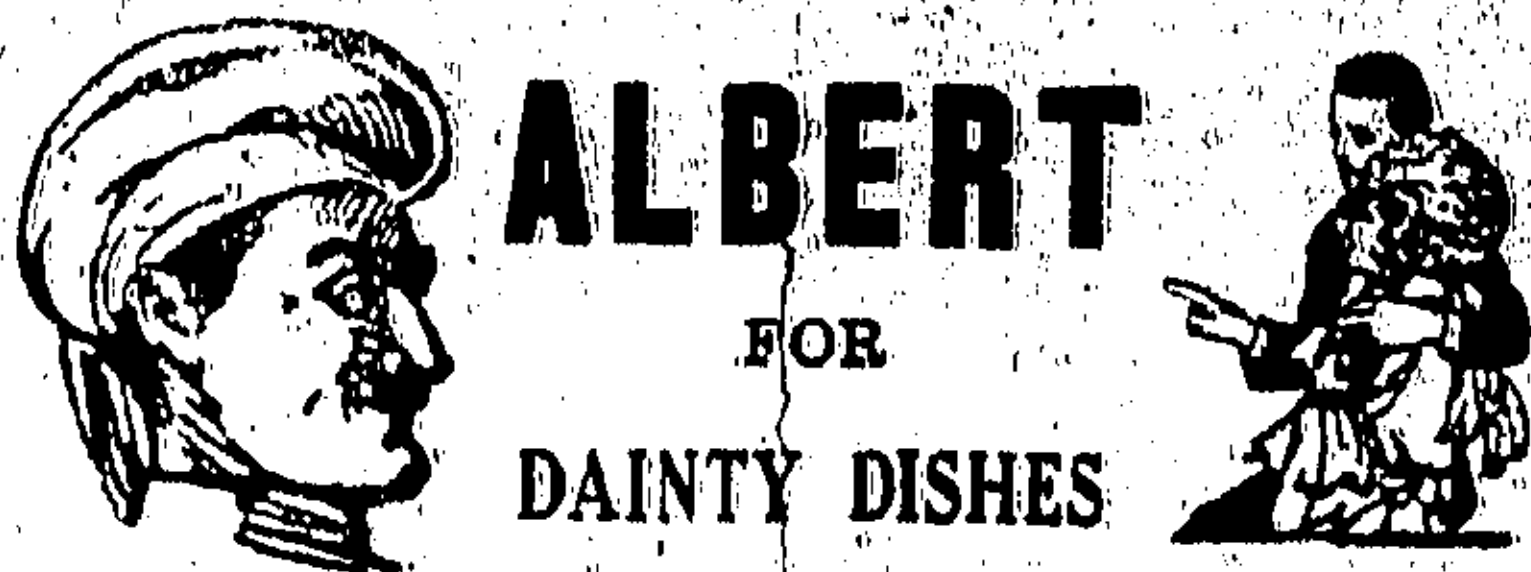


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HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

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Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1505
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Tsimshian	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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ODDS AND ENDS

Spiritual Healing.

Spiritual healing is to enter on a new phase, says the "Manchester Guardian." The announcement was made that the Archbishop of Canterbury was organising a committee to consist of six clerics and six medical men who should aim at establishing co-ordination between ordinary medical work and spiritual healing. No more appropriate society could have been selected for the announcement of this project than the Hunterian Society, and the Cutler's Hall, resting almost under the shadow of St. Paul's, was a specially suitable place of meeting. Dr. Garbett, the Bishop of South-west, has undertaken the responsibility of acting as chairman. The committee has not yet been appointed, but will consist of clerics who are in keen sympathy with medical work and medical men who recognise the importance of the spiritual factor in the work of healing.

Lady Falkland's Shop.

The latest titled recruit to business is likely to be hailed as a benefactor by members of women's institutes, and by women artists and crafts workers throughout the kingdom. The great difficulty of such women has been in finding a market for their beautiful wares. I know of many instances, says a "Glasgow Herald" writer, where clever women have been compelled to give up their little industry because they could not sell. Shop rents are prohibitive, and even postal trading requires capital and organisation. Viscountess Falkland has always taken a practical interest in women's crafts, and she has seen this difficulty. So, quite early in the New Year, she is to start shopkeeping, and, like the very gifted business woman she is, her establishment is to be right in the heart of the real West End, where the people with money go shopping. It will be the most original and fascinating place in town, for it is to be a depot for all the most beautiful and skilful work British home-keeping women are producing with their clever hands. It is hoped, too, to have smart social afternoons, with well-informed talks on the products.

The Treachery of the Animal.

It is a strange experience for an English jury to inquire into the death of a victim of one of the large carnivorous animals. But this unpleasant duty fell to a Manchester jury, says the "Manchester Guardian." A woman keeper at the Belle Vue Zoological Gardens was killed by a tiger in one of the cages she was clean-

ing. It has not been made clear whether the cause of this fatal accident was carelessness in the use of the trap-doors which are devised for the safety of the keepers, or a mistaken reliance upon the docility of the animal. It has been demonstrated over and over again that the temper of apparently tamed savage beasts can never be depended upon. Even non-predatory animals which have for long generations been used to the companionship of man are apt in some sudden frenzy, or perhaps some fit of savage playfulness, to become homicidal. No experienced stock-keeper will trust a godown bull, however charming and friendly its manners may be, and it is not long since we had a remarkable case of a woman being fatally attacked by a donkey.

IT BEGAN IN GLASGOW.

Concert Artists' Strange Experience.

Miss Catherine Leadbetter, a well-known English concert artist, recently related the following personal experience to a reporter who called at her home, 5 Fernshaw Road, in the South-west of London.

"A few years after I became a professional musician," stated Miss Leadbetter, "I began to suffer from an ailment which alarmed me. I was then fulfilling a four months' engagement at Glasgow, as concert artists, and had to take part in six concerts each week. My illness began in a curious manner, my hair coming off in patches. This left my head sore, and I suffered most severely from piercing headaches. My nerves were highly strung, I became weaker and weaker until I had to discontinue my music practice for a considerable while, the strain and nervousness becoming overwhelming. I had cold after cold, followed by an exhausting cough.

"The weakness of my body increased until I felt too tired to go on the stage. My singing voice and my violin playing were for a while affected, and that increased my distress. For four months I continued in that painful and alarming condition. Later on I went to my parents' home in Sheffield, and rested. I was a little better for a while, but last Christmas there came on me a very severe development of the same weakness, and suffering. The cough grew worse, and I became more nervous than ever.

"My mother pressed me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I did so, and soon felt the benefit. My spirits revived and I had more vigour. I continued with the pills and within three weeks I was quite myself again. My hair began to grow and I recovered all my old vitality. My voice returned, and I am told that my skill on the violin is even greater than before I was ill.

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"Now Is The Time."

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The Fair Sex.

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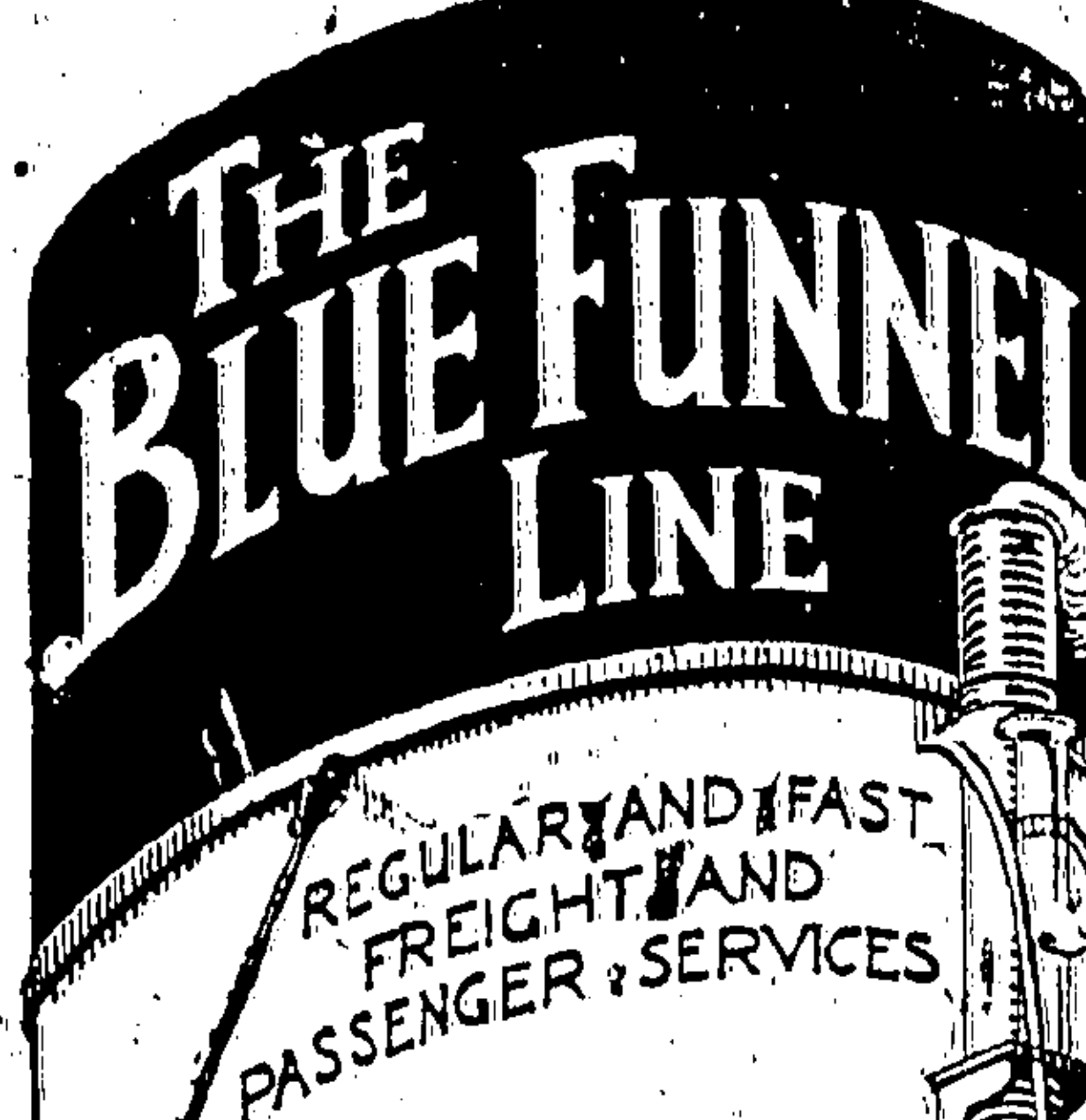
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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29.	PM
Straits		Kashima Maru
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		City of Cairo
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1.		
Canada, U.S.A. & Shanghai		Empress of Russia
Manila		Pres. Wilson
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3.		
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MONDAY, JANUARY 4.		
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan & Shanghai		Korea Maru
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Japan		Arafura
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5.		
Shanghai		Ambrose
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7.		
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai		Pres. Grant
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai		Pres. Lincoln
FRIDAY, JANUARY 8.		
Australia and Manila		St. Albans

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOA	MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.	PM	TIME
Shanghai and Japan		Emil Kirckoff	5 p.m.
Amoy		Seachuen	5 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29.			
Amoy and Foochow		Haiching	Noon
Amoy		An King	2.30 p.m.
Saipon		Maud	2.30 p.m.
Haiphong		New Mathilde	5 p.m.
Shanghai		Kingsong	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30.			
Shanghai, Japan via Europe via Siberia		Kashima Maru	9.30 a.m.
(Letters and Postcards specially super-scribed "via Siberia" only)		Kanohou	9.30 a.m.
Swatow		Hopsang	10.30 a.m.
Bangkok		Hopsang	10.30 a.m.
Bandakhan		Hopsang	10.30 a.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.			
Hoihow		Kingsong	10.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1.			
Amoy		Fooksang	9 a.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong		Minggang	10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 2.			
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MONDAY, JANUARY 4.			
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Letters 1 p.m.		U.S.A.	
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 5.			
Saloon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 27th Feb. 1926. Registration 12.45 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.		U.S.A.	
Manila, Bandakhan, AUSTRALIA and New Zealand via Thursday Island due Thursday Island 19th Jan. 1926. Parcela 5 p.m. Registration 5 p.m. Letters (Sat. Jan. 2nd 9 a.m.)		U.S.A.	

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CHINESE SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES.

As stated in the "China Mail" on Saturday, a Chinese was seriously injured when he was knocked down that morning by a motor truck at Queen's Road West, near the Ko Shing Theatre. The injured man, Sang Fo, died at the Government Civil Hospital early this morning.

Mary Mary, slightly airy
How do the fashions go?
Short bobbed hair, shoulders bare,
And vertebrae all in a row.

Until noon to-morrow, the weather forecast is (European Channel), N.E. winds, moderate to fresh (Hongkong), light variable winds, sea calm to moderate (Singapore), light variable winds, sea calm to moderate.

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